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## Launching the Modern Greek Program

In 1975, a group of Greek Americans in Ohio initiated Project Paideia to support modern Greek studies at The Ohio State University. One year later, the community and university had raised the seed funds to launch the Modern Greek Program.

For the last 40 years, the program has flourished, distinguishing itself in teaching and research, and producing projects to benefit the public.

### TEACHING

The recently expanded curriculum includes a robust offering of courses in language, arts, culture, Greek America, folklore and more. Since the program's founding, more than 12,000 students have enrolled in one or more of these courses.

### RESEARCH

Faculty publish academic articles in prestigious journals, keynote events in the United States and abroad, and organize colloquia and international symposia.

### PROJECTS FOR THE PUBLIC

Ever mindful of serving the Greek American community, the program brings highly respected authors for public talks, engages Greek Americans and Philhellenes through social media, publishes poetry in English and Greek, and produces research on relevant topics such as Greek American youth culture.

## Looking to the Future

Today, the Modern Greek Program at Ohio State stands as one of the strongest and most respected in the nation. Yet its future is uncertain.

To guarantee Ohio State can continue to teach, research and promote modern Greek language and culture, we seek to establish permanent funding.

Ohio State aims to establish an endowed professorship to anchor the Modern Greek Program, ensuring current and future generations will have the opportunity to study and be inspired by modern Greek language and culture.

## Modern Greek Studies Professorship

Many peer institutions have already established professorships or chairs to secure the permanency of their modern Greek programs — Columbia, Michigan and UC San Diego to name a few. We must do the same at Ohio State.

A professorship dedicated to the teaching and research of modern Greek studies will make sure that Greek language and culture will be taught, in perpetuity, at one of the best universities in the nation.

The university is committed to making permanent the Modern Greek Program, but we can't do it alone. We seek to raise \$1 million to establish the Modern Greek Studies Professorship.

Forty years ago, the Hellenic community spearheaded efforts to create the program. We ask that you once again stand with us, to help raise the funds necessary to permanently secure the Modern Greek Program at Ohio State.

**“The Modern Greek Program owes its existence to the Ohio Hellenic community. Now we call on you to help us ensure the permanent presence of modern Greek studies at Ohio State.”**

–Yiorgos Anagnostou, PhD, Associate Professor and Director, Modern Greek Studies

Funds would be used to ensure continued excellence in modern Greek studies. Through this professorship the program would elevate teaching and research, inspire students, and offer programs and lectures to Hellenic communities and cultural organizations in Ohio.

## The Paideia Legacy in Ohio

For three millennia, Greek culture has profoundly influenced western philosophy, government, art, math, medicine and science. We must preserve its study for future generations. We must protect the paideia legacy in Ohio.

Imagine knowing your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will forever have the opportunity to study and appreciate this priceless language and culture. Together, we can safeguard the future of the Modern Greek Program at Ohio State.



▲ Students Panayiotis Ragias and Alexandra Constantinou broadcast live in Greek from the Center for Languages, Literatures and Cultures Radio in Crane Café.

▶ A group of students practice *horos*, traditional Greek dance, to the accompaniment of live music.



Thank you for considering a gift to support the Modern Greek Program at The Ohio State University.

Your support makes a difference in people's lives.

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