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Summer Intensive

Western Armenian

Courses

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THE PROGRAMME OF ARMENIAN STUDIES is running Summer Intensive Courses in Western Armenian for the seventh year running. The courses are offered at three levels: elementary (in July 2020), intermediate (in August 2020) and advanced (in June 2020). All courses are held in English.

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ELEMENTARY WESTERN ARMENIAN

DATES

Elementary Western Armenian starts on Monday 29 June 2020 and ends on Friday 24 July 2020. This course consists of five and a half hours of teaching time per day, from Monday to Friday. The total teaching hours are 110.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Elementary Western Armenian is designed for beginners. It will provide students with the essential tools for using language. This course covers the four main areas of language acquisition: reading, writing, speaking and listening. It lays the foundations of language by teaching at a slow but steady pace the basics of Western Armenian. The course consists of four phases:

PHASE ONE

Students will become familiar with:

- the Armenian script (lower and upper cases, handwritten and printed versions);
- pronunciation coupled with reading;
- use of the verbs ‘to be’ and ‘to have’ (in the present and future tenses, in the interrogative, affirmative and negative);
- basic grammar (such as plurals and definite and indefinite articles).

PHASE TWO

In this phase students will acquire basic language knowledge of:

- numbers, days of the week, months of the year;
- countries, languages, citizens and their adjectives;
- the use of ‘what’, ‘who’, ‘when’ and ‘where’ in questions with the verb ‘to be’;
- the use of ‘there is / are’ in interrogative, affirmative and negative sentences;
- greetings and giving one’s age.

PHASE THREE

At this stage students will be exposed to more sophisticated grammatical structures, such as:

- demonstrative and possessive adjectives and pronouns;
- prepositions;
- forming words with prefixes and suffixes;

- auxiliary verbs such as 'is / are needed', 'must' and 'need to'.

PHASE FOUR

This phase covers:

- the conjugation of verbs in present, present continuous and future tenses, including irregular verbs;
- the declension of nouns and a basic knowledge of the function of cases;
- the formation of compound nouns;
- the composition of simple sentences.

All grammatical explanations will be consolidated with numerous exercises. In all phases students will build and broaden their basic knowledge of vocabulary, and they will be exposed to basic texts.

The completion of this curriculum is contingent upon students' commitment and their classroom performance.

RESULT

At the end of this course, students should be able to express simple ideas, wishes, and thoughts on a variety of topics. They should be able to engage in simple conversations with native speakers, write simple sentences and read basic texts.

INTERMEDIATE WESTERN ARMENIAN

DATES

Intermediate Western Armenian starts on Monday 27 July 2020 and ends on Friday 21 August 2020. This course consists of five and a half hours of teaching time per day, from Monday to Friday. The total teaching hours are 110.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Intermediate Western Armenian is for students who have prior basic knowledge of the language (see the course description of *Elementary Western Armenian*). This course is designed to build on what students have learned at the beginner's level. It covers many aspects of grammar to take students to a reasonable level of competence in reading, writing and speaking. This course consists of four phases:

PHASE ONE

This phase revises the grammar of *Elementary Western Armenian*, including:

- conjugating present and future tenses, including irregular verbs;
- the plurals of nouns; definite and indefinite articles;
- demonstrative and possessive adjectives and pronouns;
- different types of declension;
- the formation of words with prefixes, suffixes and of compound nouns;
- broadening vocabulary, as well as speaking and listening tasks.

PHASE TWO

At this stage students will expand their grammatical knowledge and vocabulary base. The main highlight will be tackling the simple past tense and its irregular forms. The function of the genitive-dative, ablative and instrumental cases will be taught, as well as spelling rules and other grammatical features.

PHASE THREE

This phase comprises:

- the imperfect past;
- types of the verb (transitive, intransitive and passive);
- the conjugation of passive verbs;
- the function of nominative and accusative cases
- other grammatical features, such as comparatives and superlatives.

PHASE FOUR

In this last phase students will become familiar with a new set of grammatical features, including:

- a foretaste of the Armenian equivalents of the present and past perfect tenses;
- the imperative mood;
- punctuation;
- other grammatical features.

All grammatical explanations will be consolidated with numerous exercises. In all phases students will build and broaden their basic knowledge of vocabulary, and they will be exposed to reasonably challenging texts. Students also will be asked to write very short essays on variety of topics.

The completion of this curriculum is contingent upon students and their classroom performance.

RESULT

At the end of this course, students should be able to express reasonably sophisticated ideas, wishes, and thoughts on a variety of topics. They should be able to engage in conversations with native speakers on most topics relating to daily life, to write sentences of reasonable complexity on the same themes and to read the kind of texts available in newspapers, etc.

ADVANCED WESTERN ARMENIAN

DATES

Advanced Western Armenian starts on Monday 1 June 2020 and ends on Friday 26 June 2020. This course consists of five and a half hours of teaching time per day, from Monday to Friday. The total teaching hours are 110.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to consolidate the language acquired through the elementary and intermediate courses. It also takes students to the next, more challenging level of language knowledge. This course consists of four phases:

PHASE ONE

This phase revises the grammar of *Elementary Western Armenian* and *Intermediate Western Armenian*, including:

- conjugating present and future tenses, including irregular verbs;
- the plurals of nouns; definite and indefinite articles;
- demonstrative and possessive adjectives and pronouns;
- different types of declension;
- the formation of words with prefixes, suffixes and of compound nouns;
- broadening vocabulary, as well as speaking and listening tasks.

PHASE TWO

Students will broaden their knowledge of Western Armenian grammar by:

- contrasting the use of the simple past and imperfect past;
- studying the continuous imperfect past and imperfect future tenses;
- encountering a new set of prefixes and suffixes;
- and developing a bank of idiomatic expressions.

PHASE THREE

This phase concentrates on two areas:

- phrases that facilitate discursive conversation and expression of opinion;
- and etymology as a tool for understanding vocabulary and grammar at a deeper level

PHASE FOUR

This phase finalises the circle of language acquisition by reviewing vocabulary, grammar and sentence structures from the elementary, intermediate and

advanced courses. Through a series of reading, writing, listening and speaking exercises on a variety of contemporary themes, students will synthesise everything have learnt to date and communicate confidently in the language.

All grammatical explanations will be consolidated with numerous exercises. In all phases students will build and broaden their basic knowledge of vocabulary, and they will be exposed to reasonably challenging texts. Students also will be asked to write very short essays on variety of topics.

The completion of this curriculum is contingent upon students and their classroom performance.

RESULT

At the end of this course students should have acquired a high level of sophistication in reading, writing and speaking. Students should be able to communicate on a variety of topics of social and cultural interest.

COURSE VENUE

The courses will take place in **Athens** – more details will be announced later.

IMPORTANT DATES

All courses consist of five and a half hours of teaching time per day, from Monday to Friday. The total teaching hours for each course are 110.

Due to the ongoing global pandemic, the deadline for students applying for scholarships for all courses has been extended to 30 May 2020. Those who are not applying for a scholarship may put in an application up until one week before their course is due to start.

ADVANCED WESTERN ARMENIAN

- Application deadline for students requiring visas and/or applying for scholarships: 30 May 2020
- Application deadline for all other students: one week before the start of the course
- Course starts: 1 June 2020
- Course ends: 26 June 2020

ELEMENTARY WESTERN ARMENIAN

- Application deadline for students requiring visas and/or applying for scholarships: 30 May 2020
- Application deadline for all other students: one week before the start of the course
- Course starts: 29 June 2020
- Course ends: 24 July 2020

INTERMEDIATE WESTERN ARMENIAN

- Application deadline for students requiring visas and/or applying for scholarships: 30 May 2020
- Application deadline for all other students: one week before the start of the course
- Course starts: 27 July 2020
- Course ends: 21 August 2020

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in Athens is as plentiful as it is diverse. There are many options for where you may wish to stay.

The Programme of Armenian Studies is not responsible for accommodation arrangements for students. We will try to help to make the stay of students as easy as possible, but the ultimate responsibility lies with students.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

TUITION FEES AND PAYMENT

The tuition fees for either course is £1100, which includes administrative costs as well as learning materials. This fee does not include airfare or any other travel expenses. The payment should be made by bank transaction. Please take note of the payment deadlines in the [Important Dates](#) section of this prospectus.

The closer the summer draws, the smaller the chance of making a booking in Guy Chester Centre. Therefore, book your places as soon as possible. Since this course is a pilot project there are limited places.

SCHOLARSHIPS

A number of full scholarships are available to cover students' tuition fees courtesy of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. Please contact us for information on how to apply and take note of the application dates in the [Important Dates](#) section of this prospectus.

REFUND POLICY

Once the tuition fees are paid they will not be refunded. Only in serious circumstances (family bereavement, serious illness or accidents, unsuccessful visa application) will a partial refund be considered. For administrative costs £300 will be retained.

VISA

Before proceeding with any travelling arrangement students must consult their local British consulates for the type of visa they need. This also applies to students whose home countries do not require visa clearance as a tourist but who might need special visas for other kinds of activity. This does not apply to EU citizens.

Please take note of the application deadlines in the [Important Dates](#) section of this prospectus. After you submit your application to the course, we will issue you with a letter in support of your visa application. If your visa application is not successful, we will refund any tuition fees you have already paid, minus an administrative fee of £300.

REPEAT APPLICATIONS

There are no application fees for those who are applying for the first time, or have successfully completed a previous Summer Intensive Course.

Those who have previously applied to one of the Programme of Armenian Studies' Summer Intensive Courses and have withdrawn their interest, or become non-cooperative, will be asked to contribute a deposit upon application. The amount that will be requested would depend on how many times the candidate has applied before.

Those who have applied once before must pay a deposit of £300.

Those who have applied twice before must pay a deposit of £700.

Those who have applied three times or those who had been accepted and awarded a scholarship in one of the previous years without attending must pay a deposit of £900.

The applications of those who have applied four times or more will not be considered.

This deposit, which is required to prevent the repeated false applications of candidates, will contribute towards the tuition fee once the candidate has successfully and fully completed the course.

If a student's application is successful, the paid deposit shall count towards to the tuition fee of the course. If the participant is awarded a scholarship, the deposit shall be refunded – in full or in part according to the awarded scholarship amount.

COURSE ATTENDANCE POLICY

It is expected that students attend the lessons regularly. Not doing so will affect the smooth running of the course and will create a gap of knowledge between absentees and attendees. This will hold back the rest of the class. If students regularly fail to attend lessons they will be asked to discontinue the course. **In this case there will be no refund.** This course should not be perceived as a tourist package.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Programme of Armenian Studies will organise a range of exciting extra-curricular activities for the students to engage in. It will include the following:

Lectures

Developing knowledge of contemporary Armenian issues is also part of this course. Every Wednesday we will endeavour to organise a scholarly lecture on different

topics ranging from politics to religion. These lectures will be delivered by prominent academics and are offered for free by the Programme of Armenian Studies. The running of these lectures will depend on the availability of our lecturers and other circumstances and they do not form part of the course. Participant attendance is mandatory.

Ciné-Club

On Wednesday, a Ciné-Club shall be organised with long or short film showings in Western Armenian. The films shall be accompanied by handouts with idiomatic expressions, vocabulary and information about the films. Discussions shall take place after viewing in Western Armenian to assist participants in their retention and understanding of the themes presented. Participant attendance is mandatory.

Western Armenian songs

Participants shall be exposed to Western Armenian songs in listening classes whereby students will be introduced to songs in Western Armenian. Participant attendance is mandatory.

Society of Western Armenian Speakers

On Sunday afternoons, students will have the opportunity to practice the oral language skills that they have attained in the classroom with local Western Armenian speakers. Participant attendance is mandatory.

WEEKENDS

After a long week of learning, weekends are a time for students to chill out. The Programme of Armenian Studies will organise tours for the students. The fees for these tours are not included in the tuition fees. It should be stressed that they are optional, and the students who participate in these activities will have to pay additionally. This will be another opportunity for students to practice their speaking skills with the teacher and one-another. There will also be excursions to islands and other historical and cultural attractions, as well as Armenian institutions in order to get to know the city's community.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is highly advisable to buy travel insurance, which also includes health insurance.

CERTIFICATE

At the end of the course certificates will be issued for students, in which the attendance record of the student will be stated.

MORE INFORMATION

Please direct any questions to the course director, Dr Krikor Moskofian, at k.moskofian@progarmstud.org.uk