Call for Applications
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Step-by-step Guide to apply for
EPICUR Language and Culture (modular) Learning Pathways

This step-by-step guide walks you through the application process to successfully apply for one of the EPICUR Language & Culture (modular) Learning Pathways (henceforth MLP). After the successful first pilot in Spring 2021, EPICUR is now taking a next step in its teaching offers, by giving you the opportunity to combine courses to improve your skills and gain new competencies. The pilot focuses on three language regions, Modern Greek, Slavonic and Nordic, for which different MLPs with different combinations of courses can be followed. Per language region the set-up of the MLPs is slightly different. Below you can find a detailed description of the set up and possibilities per language region.

Completion of a Language & Culture MLP means that you successfully completed a minimum of two, and a maximum of four, courses within the MLP. When this is the case you will not only receive the ECTS points that belong to the specific courses you followed, defined by the host institution and approved by the examination board of your home university, but you will also receive official EPICUR recognition in the form of a micro-credential or badged (tbd).

This second round we are also offering instrumental language acquisition courses to boost your mobility opportunities! At the moment we are offering Dutch and German language acquisition courses which you can follow next to or independently from the MLPs.

As was the case in Spring 2021, EPICUR is currently in its pilot phase, exploring possibilities for new and innovative teaching offers and mobilities. The current offers are thus also still in their pilot phase and in a spirit of co-creation we would very much like to receive your input, suggestions and critiques on the current format and teaching offers. The current development of the MLPs is very much an approach that we would like to further develop with you, the students, as beneficiaries of the course offers.

This step-by-step guide consists of two parts:

1) A further description of the MLPs within the three language regions, Modern Greek, Slavonic and Nordic. Including a description of what kind of courses you can choose from
2) *How to*: Step-by-step description on how to apply for the Language & Culture MLPs and courses

The three Language & Culture (Modular) Learning Pathways

Modern Greek

The Modern Greek offers are split into three MLPs based on the required language proficiency level you need to follow the courses: Beginner (A1/A2), Intermediate (B1/B2) or Advanced (C1/C2). Figure 1 illustrates how the process of choosing a MLP and the courses within the MLP looks like.
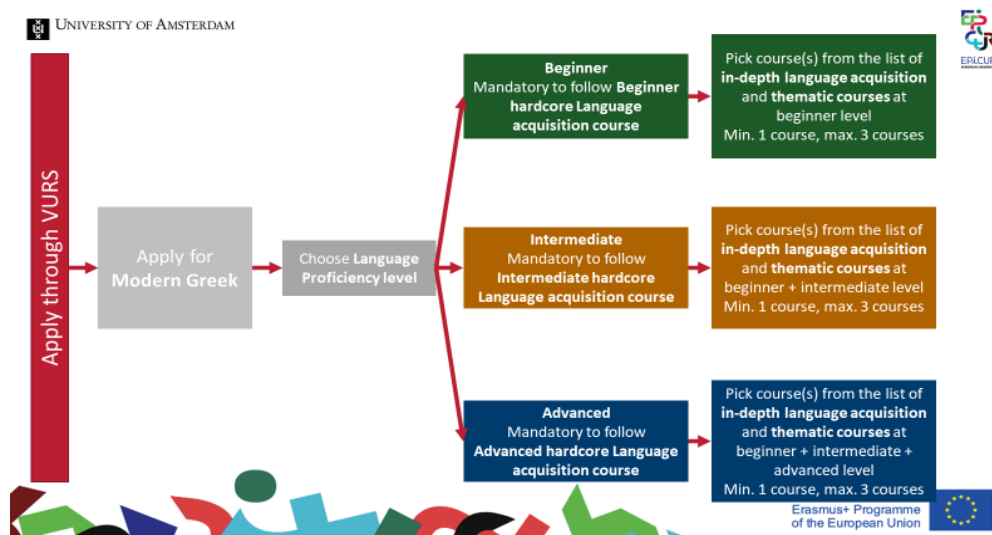

Figure 1 Choosing your courses within the Modern Greek Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced MLP

As you can see a Modern Greek MLP consists of 1 mandatory hardcore language acquisition course at your chosen level*, in combination with at least 1 and a maximum of 3 in-depth language acquisition and/or thematic courses. In contrast to the hardcore language acquisition and thematic courses, the in-depth language acquisition courses offer you the opportunity to further improve your language proficiency by putting it into context.

*Please be aware that after you are accepted for a Modern Greek MLP, you will have to do a placement test to define your language proficiency level and to make sure you are placed in the right class.

Slavonic

The Slavonic offers are split into two MLPs based on region: West Slavonic and South Slavonic. Figure 2 illustrates how the process of choosing a MLP and the courses within the MLP looks like.
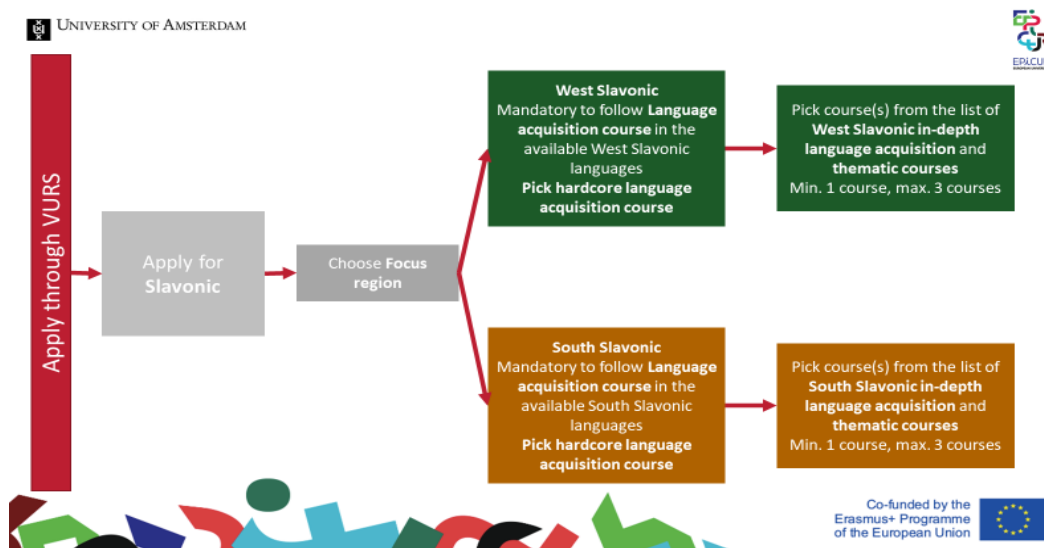

Figure 2 Choosing your courses within the West Slavonic and South Slavonic MLPs

As you can see a Slavonic MLP consists of 1 mandatory hardcore language acquisition course from the available West Slavonic or South Slavonic languages in combination with at least 1 and a maximum of 3 in-depth language acquisition and/or thematic courses. In contrast to the hardcore language acquisition and thematic courses, the in-depth language acquisition courses offer you the opportunity to further improve your language proficiency by putting it into context.

Nordic

The Nordic offers are split into two MLPs: Nordic General and Finnish. Figure 3 illustrates how the process of choosing a MLP and the courses within the MLP looks like.
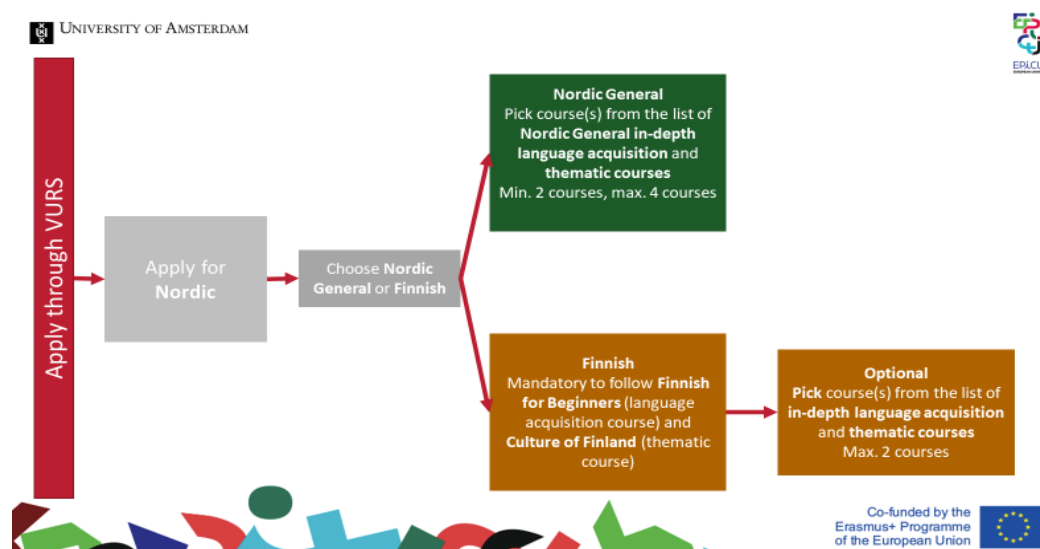

Figure 3 Choosing your courses within the Nordic General and Finnish MLPs

As you can see the Nordic General MLP is fully flexible and allows you to pick any 2 to a maximum of 4 courses from the offered in-depth language acquisition and thematic courses (NB. For your convenience the thematic courses are ordered in History and Culture courses). The Finnish MLP consists of two mandatory courses, one hardcore language acquisition and one thematic course, with the option to choose up to 2 extra in-depth language acquisition or thematic courses.

In contrast to the hardcore language acquisition and thematic courses, the in-depth language acquisition courses offer you the opportunity to further improve your language proficiency by putting it into context.

How to: step-by-step guideline on how to apply for the MLPs and courses

Please also check the "How to" on the EPICUR Inter University Campus (EIUC) (via the Virtual University Registrar System (VURS)) where you will find a detailed explanation on how to apply for the EPICUR courses.

Step 1:
Visit the EPICUR Inter University Campus (EIUC) course catalogue https://register.epicur.auth.gr/assets/courses/catalogue/ as of **22 June** 2021 where you can find a full overview of all available courses and Learning Pathways.

Step 2:
Check whether you are eligible for an EPICUR mobility: are you enrolled in one of the eight EPICUR partner universities?

Step 3:
Click on "Apply now" and log in on the EIUC by using your institutional email account from your home university. Please note that you can **only** log in with your institutional account. Registrations via other email accounts **cannot be accepted**. If you do not have an institutional email account at the moment, please make sure you have one before registering for a EPICUR MLP and courses.

Step 4:
Check and confirm that your application complies to the generic EPICUR admission criteria. The same admission criteria apply for the instrumental language acquisition courses in Dutch and German:

1. **You are currently enrolled at an EPICUR partner university**
   You will have the option to upload proof of enrolment, such as a screenshot of your student ID
2. **You have obtained a minimum of 60 ECTS of previous academic training**
   You will be requested to upload a transcript of records in English or the local language, which could also serve as proof of enrolment, see previous point
3. **You have sufficient knowledge of the language of instruction as required for the MLP or your preferred courses within a MLP**
   You will be requested to upload either a certificate of an official language test or a signed statement in English by your current or previous institution confirming your language proficiency
4. **You can clearly articulate your motivation to follow the MLP and the courses you would like to follow to fulfil the MLP**
   You will be asked to provide a written statement in English of maximum 350 words.
   Please note that we are specifically asking for your motivation for the choice of MLP you would like to fulfil and the two to four courses you would like to follow (if you wish to include some information on your motivation for individual courses this should clearly support your overall interest in the MLP). Furthermore, your choice of courses should reflect the skills and competencies you would like to gain by fulfilling the MLP. In addition, some concise information on (relevant) courses you completed previously would be an asset. Finally, if you choose to do more than two courses, please state why you would like to do so and how this will fit in your time schedule

Step 5:
Choose the MLP you would like to apply for and pick the courses you would like to follow to fulfil the MLP (See also Figure 1 for Modern Greek, Figure 2 for Slavonic and Figure 3 for Nordic). In practice this means that you need to:
1) Choose a (modular) Learning Pathway (MLP)
2) Choose the mandatory hardcore language acquisition course

     a. NB1. For Modern Greek it is predefined at which level you will follow the hardcore language acquisition course, e.g. at A1/A2 if you have chosen Modern Greek Beginner Please note that after you are accepted for a Modern Greek MLP, you will have to do a placement test to define your language proficiency level and to make sure you are placed in the right class.

     b. NB2. For Nordic General no hardcore language acquisition courses are offered

     c. NB3. For Finnish it is predetermined which hardcore Language acquisition course you have to follow, i.e. Finnish for Beginners

3) Choose at least one and a maximum of three in-depth language acquisition / thematic courses within the chosen (modular) learning pathway

     a. NB4. For Nordic General you need to choose at least two in-dept language acquisition / thematic courses

     b. NB5. When choosing the Finnish MLP it is obligatory to follow the Culture of Finland thematic course. You're allowed to choose a maximum of two extra in-depth language acquisition / thematic courses

Please note that for some courses additional admission criteria may apply!

If you are only interested in taking an instrumental language acquisition course in Dutch or German, this is possible. You can choose your course of interest separately. Please note that you will have to do a placement test to define your language proficiency.

Step 6:
Please complete and upload the requested information and documentation in the EPICUR online application form. It is possible to save and reopen your application form to complete it at a later time.

Step 7:
Submit your completed application online by **23 July 23:59 CET** at the latest for the courses starting Academic Year 2021/2022
Please note that you can apply for courses in both the winter and spring semester 2021/2022

Step 8:
You will receive an email notice on the results of the review and selection procedure, which will be made available via the EIUC. If you are offered a spot in one of the EPICUR Language & Culture (modular) Learning Pathways, you will receive further information on how to access the courses by email.