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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences to create a new prefix, GRKM, Modern Greek, will be an agenda item for the January 17, 2025, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu

Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

## REQUEST FOR A NEW COURSE PREFIX

**Date:** December 11, 2024

**School/College/Unit:** Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

**Department/Division:** Classics

**New Prefix Requested:** GRKM, Modern Greek

**CIP:** 16060100

**Proposed Effective Term:** Fall 2025

### **Justification:**

The department requests the creation of a new prefix, GRKM, in order to distinguish between its current Classical Greek offerings (GREK) and the modern Greek courses the department intends to offer. If approved, the initial courses proposed in CAPA will be a three-course introductory and intermediate sequence and a special topics course: GRKM 1001, Elementary Modern Greek I; GRKM 1002, Elementary Modern Greek II; GRKM 2003, Intermediate Modern Greek; and GRKM 4400, Special Topics/Authors. A new prefix will also afford greater flexibility to accommodate appropriate sequencing of course numbers when the department is able to expand the modern Greek offerings to include advanced language courses, additional courses on literature and culture, and faculty-mentored research courses. The department intends to propose a Minor in Modern Greek in the future. Enrollment in modern Greek courses is not expected to affect enrollment in Classical Greek courses and programs. Knowledge of modern Greek is essential for Classics (A.B.) students who intend to conduct archaeological field or museum work in Greece and students who intend to focus on international business and finance in their future careers.

Distinguishing between ancient and modern language courses will reduce the potential for student confusion and enable students to understand the course progression for each program. The differentiation is important to extend the department's relationship with students in Terry College of Business, as students interested in applying to Terry for the International Business Co-Major are required to demonstrate proficiency in a modern foreign language, which Latin and Classical Greek courses cannot satisfy.

Classics departments at several institutions in the nation, including Columbia University, the University of Michigan, the University of Maryland, Georgetown University, Ohio State University, and others, offer modern Greek alongside Classical Greek. Many of these institutions distinguish between the languages in their course offerings. For example, Harvard University offers courses as GREEK (Ancient Greek) and MODGRK (Modern Greek); the University of Michigan offers GREEK (Ancient Greek) and GREEKMOD (Modern Greek); and Georgetown University offers CLSG (Classical Languages: Greek) and GREE (Modern Greek). By creating the GRKM prefix, the Department of Classics at UGA will be in line with other institutions in the nation.

## Documentation of Approval and Notification

**Proposal:** Proposal for a new prefix, GRKM

**College:** Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

**Departments:** Classics

**Proposed Effective Term:** Fall 2025

School/College:

- Department of Classics Head, Dr. Mario Erasmo, 12/11/2024
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Stephen Mihm, 12/11/2024