SPRING 2027
COURSE TITLE: Modern Greek History and Society (4 units)
COURSE NUMBER: MDGK 4450
SECTION DAYS/TIMES: M/W 1:45 PM – 3:25 PM
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The aim of this course is to provide an introduction to the history, culture, and socioeconomic / political aspects of modern Greece, within the context of both Europe and the world, and also from a comparative approach to the U.S. Different periods and events / aspects of Greece will be examined through an interdisciplinary approach across the humanities and the social sciences, acquainting the students with the contemporary Greek society and culture.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Students completing the course will:

- Acquire knowledge of different aspects of modern Greece (politics, society, culture, law), utilizing a multi-disciplinary (humanities and social sciences) approach based on critical inquiry.
- Evaluate the different political, legal, social, and cultural forces that historically contributed to the formation of modern Greece and any resulting tensions within Greek society including the impact of the interconnectedness and globalization.
- Analyze socio-political/legal issues in modern Greece from a comparative perspective with the U.S.
- Gain research skills, understand and use primary/secondary sources and different disciplines and research methods, author a research paper that critically and holistically examines a specific issue related to the course.
- Understand connections and relationships among ideas and disciplinary approaches and produce an interdisciplinary understanding of a complex problem or question.

PREREQUISITES/RECOMMENDED BACKGROUND: N/A

COURSE WORK/EXPECTATIONS:
Please make sure to attend, participate, and keep notes during the lectures, because material provided and discussed in class will be crucial for the quiz, midterm and final examinations:

Active participation: 10%
2 Short quizzes: 20%
Midterm examination: 20%
Final examination: 25%
Research essay (20%) and mandatory presentation (5%): 25%