The EPICUR European University alliance proudly announces the second run of the **Language & culture pilots** that will be offered through **Learning Pathways** during the next academic year 2021/2022. Starting from **September 2021,** 7 (modular) Learning pathways including a total of 60+ courses in **Modern Greek, Nordic/Scandinavian and Slavonic languages and cultures** will be offered to promote European student mobility and multilingualism. The Learning Pathways consist of three types of courses, which you, as a student, can mix & match: 1) **Hardcore language acquisition** courses; 2) **in-depth language acquisition** courses; and 3) **thematic** courses focusing on culture, society, literature and history. Follow at least two courses within a Learning Pathway to receive an official EPICUR certificate![i]

New this second round is the possibility to follow more instrumental language acquisition courses in Dutch and German to boost your mobility opportunities. Don't hesitate to check these courses out as well!

The courses will be made available through the **EPICUR** Inter University Campus (EIUC)**,** which is the newly developed virtual inter-university campus environment to be further tested during this second pilot phase.

Why choose for EPICUR Language and Culture Learning Pathways?
❖ Boost your **future career** by learning and improving your European language skills
❖ **Mix & Match** language and thematic courses to upgrade your skills and gain new competencies
❖ Immerse in European cultures, gain **international experience** by participating in international classrooms, and earn **credit points** by studying abroad virtually

What is the EPICUR Language and Culture Learning Pathway approach?
After the successful start of the EPICUR language pilot courses in Spring 2021, the EPICUR Language & Culture offers are taken a step further. In the academic year 2021/2022, EPICUR will offer its Language & Culture pilot courses in **dedicated Learning Pathways** for which, after completion, you will receive official EPICUR certification[ii]. As with the Spring 2021 courses, the courses within the Learning Pathways are offered by **the 8 EPICUR universities** and are made available to students from all levels and backgrounds enrolled at EPICUR partner universities[iii]. The Learning Pathways consist of **hardcore language acquisition courses**, **more in-**

depth language acquisition courses and thematic courses, which are offered at different levels, beginners, intermediate, advanced, and focus on different regions, or subject matters. Due to the current restrictions, all courses will be offered **online only**, but in the future EPICUR students will be encouraged to travel to one of the 6 EPICUR countries for physical and/or blended/hybrid courses.

The EPICUR Project in short

The ambitious EU-funded project EPICUR (The European Partnership for Innovative Campus Unifying Regions) aims to build an attractive **innovative European university** through the **strategic EPICUR alliance** consisting of eight European universities. Our vision is to create a university experience to prepare well-informed, open-minded and responsible European citizens capable of creating new knowledge and becoming drivers of transnational innovation. This means that the way we teach, we learn, we carry out research or develop innovation should embrace societal challenges, academic and technological developments and educational innovation.

Since the start of the ambitious EPICUR project, all eight partner universities are jointly experimenting with different approaches in multilingualism and European linguistic diversity, in student-centred learning and collaborative teaching, and in new forms of mobility (physical, virtual, blended) via the (virtual) EPICUR inter-university campus.

Curious?

The Call for Participation opens on **22 June**, inviting students to submit applications by 13 July the latest[iv]. Please be reminded that basic and course-specific criteria are applicable. The course catalogue for the EPICUR Language & Culture Learning Pathways can be found **Here**. For questions please contact the EPICUR Multilingualism team at the University of Amsterdam by **e-mail**.

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[i] Please refer to the student guidelines for specifics and more information. EPICUR certification will most probably come in the form of micro-credentials or badges

[ii] Please note that you will also be able to receive ECTS for the individual courses you follow. As is common in a mobility programme, the host institution will indicate how much ECTS the course is worth, but your home university needs to officially acknowledge the number of ECTS via the examination board

[iii] Please refer to the student guidelines for specifics and more information

[iv] Please note that to be able to register to the EPICUR Inter University Campus (EIUC) you need an institutional mailing address! If you do not have an institutional mailing address please apply for one, before registering to the EIUC

https://epicur.education