

THE CYPRUS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

EUT+ INTERCULTURAL WORKSHOP

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Cyprus
University of
Technology

A SMALL, YOUNG BUT MODERN AND INNOVATIVE INSTITUTION

- ❑ CUT was established in 2004
- ❑ Welcomed its first student in the academic year 2007-2008
- ❑ A State University
- ❑ Approximately 2200 undergraduate students
- ❑ Approximately 650 MA/Msc Students and 250 phd candidates
- ❑ 6 faculties
- ❑ Member of the European University of Technology Initiative

THE FACULTIES

- ❑ Faculty of Geotechnical Sciences and Environmental Management
- ❑ Faculty of Management and Economics
- ❑ Faculty of Communication and Media Studies
- ❑ Faculty of Health Sciences
- ❑ Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts
- ❑ Faculty of Engineering and Technology

THE LANGUAGE OF THE UNIVERSITY

- ❑ The CUT is a Greek spoken university
- ❑ All undergraduate courses are offered in Greek
- ❑ Postgraduate courses though can be offered in English
- ❑ Within the Eut+ partnership, the university is going to organise specific undergraduate courses in English
- ❑ It is required from all postgraduate candidates to have a B2 in English
- ❑ A Greek foundation course is offered to students who have zero or limited knowledge in Greek (650 hours in two semesters)

THE LANGUAGE CENTRE OF CUT

- All undergraduate students attending English classes for specific purposes as part of the study program (English for Nursing, English for Agricultural studies etc.)
- Undergraduate students from specific departments attending a Greek for Academic purposes course (writing dissertation, communicate within an academic environment)
- Students have elective courses in 7 languages: **English, Greek, German, Italian, Spanish, French, Russian**
- Offering Greek Lesson for various audience (currently Greek for Ukrainian Refugees)

WE STUDY HERE. AT THE CYPRUS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, THE UNIVERSITY OF OUR HEART

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0XWHCCOo50>



CUT IS LOCATED IN LIMASSOL, CYPRUS

- ❑ Limassol (Lemesos) is the second biggest city of Cyprus, located in the south coast of the island
- ❑ <https://www.google.com/maps/@35.4594815,29.2498179,621904m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>
- ❑ Population of Limassol 258.900 (2021)
- ❑ Population of Cyprus 918.100 (2021) *including only the non-occupied part*

THE POPULATION OF LIMASSOL

Greek Cypriots	Other countries
205.800 (79,5%)	53.100 (20,5%)

CULTURAL INSIGHTS

- ❑ The strategic position between the Middle East and Eastern Europe means it has endured many different civilizational periods that form its culture today
- ❑ Official language is Greek and Turkish (after 1974 only in official documents)
- ❑ Most of the people speak English as a second language
- ❑ Cypriots use a local dialect which belongs to the Greek Dialects even though Greek do not understand Cypriots when using it
- ❑ Cyprus share cultural affiliations with Greece
- ❑ People maintaining the cultural values as well as the local traditions
- ❑ At the same time the island is getting more and more multicultural

ASPECTS OF ECONOMY:

In Limassol you will find the biggest port of the country. Shipping is one of the main economic factors of Limassol.

- ❑ Administrative, legal, banking services
- ❑ Tourism
- ❑ Education
- ❑ Industry
- ❑ Real Estate



SOCIAL LIFE

- ❑ The “family” plays an essential role in people’s life
- ❑ Family gatherings are very frequent for several occasions
- ❑ The connection between family members is very strong
- ❑ The Cypriot foods are similar to the Greek and affected by the Mediterranean cuisine
- ❑ People follow the traditions regarding social events like weddings, christenings etc.

THE CULTURE IN NUMBERS

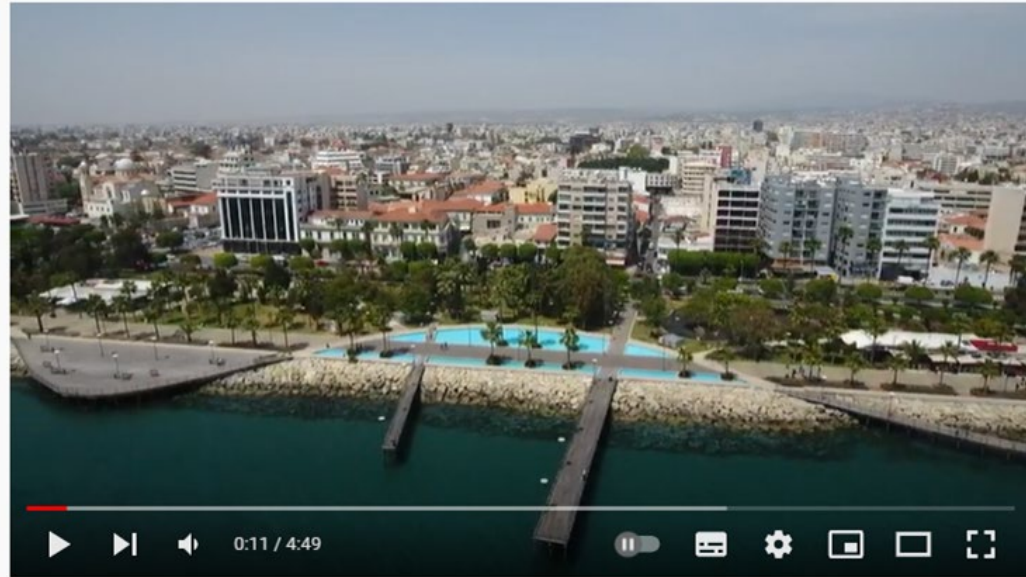
- ❑ One of safest countries in the EU considering the number of criminal acts (2020)
- ❑ Gender inequality: only 19,4% of the Members of the Parliament are women and only 15-19% of the Ministers are women
- ❑ Religious Facts: most of the population of Cyprus is Christian Orthodox (80%). Other religious communities found are Catholics, Protestants, Maronites, Armenians and Jewish.

LIMASSOL:THE CITY OF FUN

- Festivals throughout the year (wine festival, carnival etc)
- International Events
- Entertaining centres
- Hotels, clubs, restaurants
- A waterfront multifunctional seaside park
- The Limassol Marina
- Historical Monuments
- Beautiful coastline

EXPLORING LIMASSOL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNZ4TABxefl&t=106s>



SOURCES AND USEFUL LINKS

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