

*From Zero Macedonian
to Macedonian Young
HERO*



**MACEDONIAN LANGUAGE YOUNG
FOUNDATION PATHWAY PROGRAM
COURSE GUIDE**





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WELCOME

Firstly, we extend a heartfelt welcome to the Macedonian Online School, an Australian-based language and cultural school dedicated to the Macedonian diaspora. Our mission is to cultivate a love for the Macedonian language through high-quality, responsive, and innovative programs. We are excited to embark on this journey with your young person and appreciate your consideration in studying with us.

In this targeted language program, the young person will immerse themselves in learning the Macedonian language, significantly enhancing their communication skills. The program is designed to develop their speaking, reading, writing, and listening abilities, enabling them to progress from no knowledge of Macedonian to a self-sufficient independent speaker level. They will acquire skills to communicate effectively in various contexts, empowering them to engage confidently with family, friends, and other Macedonian speakers in a supportive and stimulating environment. Additionally, for those already familiar with the language, particularly through dialects, this program will help them refine their Macedonian by deepening your understanding of grammar, syntax, and orthography, ultimately boosting their communication abilities in both formal and informal situations.



The young person will commence their journey with a focus on keywords, phrases, questions, and responses in varied contexts to enhance your language skills. In the foundation pathway program, the young person will learn to communicate about their identity, daily routines, work, hobbies, future plans, travel, food, shopping, recipes, household tasks, home, body parts, clothing, colours, numbers, and many other fundamental topics that will help them connect with other speakers of the Macedonian language. They will gain insight into appropriate responses by understanding the cultural context of the Macedonian people and its culture. Learning the Macedonian language serves as a gateway to understanding the Macedonian people, community, and country. By learning Macedonian the young person will develop a richer and deeper personal identity as they connect to the unique mindset.



As the young person progress through the foundation program, their enthusiasm for mastering the language will become apparent, thanks to the program's thoughtful design, engaging content, and focus on communication skill development. This will leave them with an insatiable desire to learn more. Our unique program is rooted in neurolinguistics, utilising brain-friendly techniques that promote rapid learning and retention of the Macedonian language. Over the years, our students have reported a high level of satisfaction and significant skill advancement as a result of their experience with us.

Our courses are designed for young people (13 - 16 years old) and are offered online, addressing the limited opportunities for young people eager to enhance their Macedonian language skills in a suitable learning environment.

We incorporate the latest technology to ensure that the young person's learning experience is meaningful, accessible, user-friendly, and well-suited for online education, supported by our highly trained educators who seamlessly integrate technology into their teaching methods.

Join us and experience the program; we guarantee that you'll find that you have done one of the best gifts to your young person. Wishing you all the best in your endeavour with us.

Seraphim Jovanov
Director of the School, Head of the
Language Curriculum



WHY LEARN WITH US?

If you've ever wanted your young person to elevate their Macedonian language skills from a beginner to an independent communicator, then this course is perfect for them. Here are the top ten reasons to join:

1. A supportive learning environment with dedicated staff
2. Learning programs specifically designed for young learners, utilising brain-based techniques for quicker learning and retention
3. All sessions are recorded, allowing easy access and review them at anytime, if online workshops are missed
4. Access to a wealth of learning materials through our online platform to aid the Macedonian language studies
5. Our educators are native speakers with experience living in both Macedonia and Australia, holding specialised qualifications for teaching beginners or Macedonian young people living abroad or born in English speaking countries
6. Our language programs have a proven track record of success in enhancing the Macedonian language skills
7. A remarkable 99% satisfaction rate reported by students who have participated in our programs
8. Flexibility and innovation integrated at all levels of learning
9. A strong emphasis on developing your communication skills alongside grammar, providing a balanced approach between practical and theoretical knowledge
10. A vibrant learning community centered around the language, culture, and fostering lifelong relationships



MEET YOUR EDUCATOR

Seraphim Jovanov

Seraphim offers extensive experience in teaching the Macedonian language and culture to students ranging from Reception to Year 12, as well as adults. He possesses specialised linguistic qualifications in Macedonian from Macquarie University in Australia, where he proudly graduated in early 2007. His speciality is teaching adults and young people. Committed to professional growth, he actively participates in ongoing training and development to enhance the innovation and relevance of his teaching. His enthusiasm for imparting the language shines through in his creative methods, particularly for learners with little to no prior knowledge of Macedonian.

Throughout the years, he has developed learning programs that effectively enhance students' speaking, reading, and writing skills through engaging and innovative methods. Seraphim leads the school, overseeing governance, staff development, and curriculum quality assurance. He possesses postgraduate qualifications in education, mental health, organisational management, community education, counselling, and vocational education and training. Undoubtedly, learning with him will leave a lasting impression on you and your young person.



HOW CAN YOU CAN STUDY WITH US?

Your young person can choose to study with us



ONLINE INTERACTIVE CLASSROOM

- 2 hour weekly group lessons in a supportive group environment
- access to material via our Quality Learning platform
- support in and out of the classroom

SELF PACED STUDY

- study anytime by accessing our materials and quality recordings
- have regular coaching language support sessions to assist you with your learning

PRIVATE LESSONS STUDY

- 2 hour weekly one on one lesson or accelerated option 4 hours per week (twice per week)
- according to your level
- access to online materials

THE STRUCTURE OF YOUR STUDY

The Macedonian Language Adult Foundation Pathway program is comprised of four independent units designed to enhance your language skills. Each unit spans a duration of 10 weeks or accelerated private study option 5 weeks (if requested). The participant has the flexibility to study them independently, registering for each one as they complete them. The units are as follows:

- Macedonian Language Adult Foundation Unit 1
- Macedonian Language Adult Foundation Unit 2
- Macedonian Language Adult Foundation Unit 3
- Macedonian Language Adult Foundation Unit 4

The sequence of the units is crucial within the Foundation pathway, as each unit builds upon the previous one, enabling them to develop new communication skills and content. The program is structured to allow them to begin at any time or to restart their studies, acknowledging that life can be unpredictable and it's important to maintain a life and study balance. Depending on their level, we may determine that you start from any unit which would be appropriate for your language capability.





OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM & MILESTONES

The program's structure typically includes a two-hour weekly workshop, where the young person has the option to engage interactively in a live online group setting or watch at their convenience, or partake in a private lesson. Each unit is designed to enhance their comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Macedonian through a variety of activities aimed at accelerating your language development.

Below is an overview of the program.

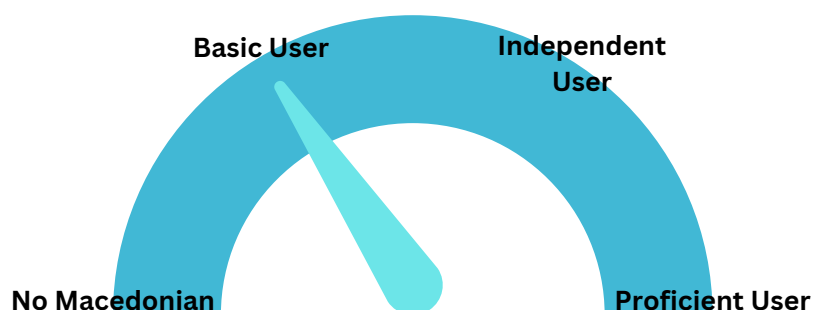
	You will be able to speak, read, write and understand about...	Language development Milestone timeframe
Unit 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introducing yourself and others Discussing about the place you live Your Occupation and work commitments Daily routines morning, afternoon and evening Asking about time Telling the time Expressing things that you like and dislikes 	<p>by end of three months or after 20 hours of formal instruction of Macedonian or at week 10th of the program</p>
Unit 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occupations, place of work and friends Interests Music Lifestyle activities Discussing Future plans Months, days and seasons and preferred activities Traveling and different options about travelling Ordering and cancelling orders Numbers 	<p>by end of six months or after 40 hours of formal instruction of Macedonian or at week 20th of the program</p>
Unit 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussing different types of everyday food (fruit and vegetables) Discussing about traditional dishes Recipes and instructions Give instructions and commands Expressing needs, wants and dislikes Ordering and purchasing products at various shops (eg. Butcher, supermarket) Loading a complaint Ordering food at restaurants Inviting and making plans 	<p>by end of nine months or after 60 hours of formal instruction of Macedonian or at week 30th of the program</p>

Unit 4	House, different rooms and items around the house Household chores Describing place of residence Talking about past memories and routines Body Clothing Ordering purchasing Being at the doctor and seeking help	by end of twelve months or after 80 hours of formal instruction of Macedonian or at week 40th of the program
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N.B. this is an indicator and does not include all the particular skills or content, it just overview of the program so you can see what will be learning

YOUR LEVEL OF MACEDONIAN LANGUAGE BY END OF FOUNDATION PROGRAM

By end of the four units of the Macedonian Language Adult Foundation Pathway Program your level of language capability is measured against the well known **Global Scale of the Common European framework of reference for Language Learning**. It provides you an insight of your developmental capability to understand your level towards proficiency. There three major levels: **Basic User, Independent User and Proficient User**.



At the Basic Language User (A2) level, individuals can use everyday expressions and basic phrases for concrete needs, such as introducing themselves and asking simple questions. This proficiency is useful for travelers and basic social interactions. Progressing to the intermediate level, learners can understand main points of clear standard input on familiar topics, handle most travel situations, and produce simple connected text on familiar subjects, while also describing experiences, ambitions, and providing reasons for opinions and plans.



PROGRESSION PATHWAY

Upon finishing the Foundation Pathway Program, the young person can advance to the Intermediate Level. This level includes four additional units designed to help the young person to become an Independent User of the Macedonian Language.

APPLY NOW

If you would like young young person to study any unit of this program please complete the form on <https://macedonianonline.org/apply-now/>

We will get back to you with dates and options as soon as possible so we can help you start your journey with the Macedonian language

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you need further information about this program, please feel free to e-mail us on contact@macedonianonline.org

<https://macedonianonline.org>