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**Profile**

Being a recent graduate from Lancaster University, with a 2:1 Master of Arts degree in Linguistics and Discourse Studies, I have developed excellent analytical, organisational and communication skills. Having successfully undertaken my own projects I have proved to be an efficient qualitative and quantitative researcher with strong self- and time-management skills. I am highly goal-oriented, with great attention to detail, driven by determination and optimism. I am currently looking for a career change and the challenges it involves as well as for exciting new opportunities to apply my vast knowledge of language. (Please have a look at my cover letter for a further elaboration on my transferable skills and personal traits.)

**Education and Qualifications**

**Lancaster University (Top 10 World Linguistics Institute)**, Lancaster, UK *Oct 2013 – Sep 2014*

**MA Linguistics and Discourse Studies (2:1)**

*Modules*: Critical Discourse Analysis (70); Introduction to Discourse Analysis (65); Pragmatics (63); Stylistics (68); Corpus Linguistics (58); Research Methods in Linguistics (63)

*Workshops:* Using Language Corpora, Textual Analysis, Analysing the Sounds of Speech

* Engaging actively with practical issues gaining valuable insights into the above areas

*Project*: “Corporate branding in higher education institutions; a critical discourse analysis.” (60)

* Assessing the use and function of language features in strategic promotional material

**National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**, Athens, Greece *Sep 2008 - Sep 2012*

**BA Greek and Latin Philology, Major in Classics (Very Good: 8.39/10)**

*Core modules*: Ancient Greek Language and Literature; Latin Language and Literature; Palaeography, Papyrology and Textual Criticism; Modern Greek Literature; Pragmatics; Semantics; Sociolinguistics; Historical and Comparative Linguistics; Phonetics

*BA Thesis*: “Transcription, translation and analysis of two authentic unread papyri” (Grade: 10/10)

**Second High School of Sparta,** Sparta, Greece *Sep 2005 - Jun 2008*

*A-Levels*: Ancient Greek (B), Latin (A), History (A), Modern Greek Language (B), Modern Greek Literature (B), Biology (A)

**Work Experience and Volunteering**

**Arktouros Bookshop** (Unpaid job), Sparta, Greece *May 2013 - Aug 2013*

**Bookshop Clerk**

* Assisting customers in their search for a particular book
* Engaging in book-related discussions with customers often suggesting them which book to buy based on their interests
* Unpacking newly arrived books from their boxes
* Carrying and allocating books to the selves
* Keeping a record of the inventory at the end of every day
* Operating the cash register
* Showed great sense of responsibility, being trusted by my managers despite the short duration of employment

**Private Tutor**, Athens / Sparta, Greece *Sep 2009 – Jun 2013*

Tutoring pupils of secondary and high school level in Essay- writing, Ancient Greek, Latin and Modern Greek Literature lessons

* Motivating pupils by stimulating intellectual curiosity, through high-level communication and interpersonal skills and by encouraging independence in learning
* Working with parents to maximize their involvement in the pupils’ positive development
* Enhancing my organisational skills through the planning and preparation of the lessons
* Learned to manage my own work-load and honed my time-management skills

**Rockwave Festival -DIDI MUSIC&BIG STAR PROMOTION L.T.D.,** Athens, Greece *Jul 2010*

**Cashier duties**

* Catering to the needs of consecutive lines of 100+ demanding spectators
* Swiftly converting real money into tokens
* Ended up being the most efficient cashier having sold two times more tokens than the second best
* Enhanced my ability to work effectively under pressure

**Languages**



* **Greek:** Native
* **English:** Full professional proficiency

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – 7.5 *May 2013*

Certificate of Proficiency of the University of Michigan–C2 LevelDiploma *Mar 2005*

* **German:** Limited working proficiency

Zertifikat Deutsh–B1 Level of the Goethe Institut*Jun 2006*

* **Spanish:** Elementary proficiency

Attended classes for the DELE High-Intermediate B2 Diploma *Dec 2010 - Jul 2013*

* **Latin:** Limited working proficiency

Highly familiar with the language and its translation *Sep 2006-Jun 2012*

**IT Skills**

Microsoft Office Tools (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), Corpus Software Programmes (Wmatrix, WordSmith, AntConc, SketchEngine), Phonetics Software Programmes (Praat), EndNote

**Other Skills**

**Driver’s License**: Holder of aB’Category License since 2008 (no penalties)

**Other Activities & Personal Interests**

*Literature*: Passionate book lover, member of Sparta Library book club

*Travelling*: Planned and organised trips with friends to countries across Europe developing strong intercultural and global awareness

*Music*: Keyboard classes (6 years), member of school’s choir (4 years)

*Sports*: frequent football and tennis player

*Cinema, Theatre, Chess*