

Curriculum

For the full study programme of Subject: Country/University	History Republic of Cyprus, University of Cyprus
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The main aim of the History Syllabus is the promotion of the culture of historical thought/thinking and the configuration of historical conscience. Via the teaching of History at all levels of Education the continuous renewal of interest of students/three is sought; an interest for the historical past and for the rescue of historical memory, aiming at the creation of active democratic citizens. Through the provision of a cohesive and sufficient body of knowledge the critical approach of historians data, without stereotypical and biases, promoted. *The historical content is developed across time and space (with the help of geography), with emphasis on the essential issues via overall reviews of the subject matter, without focusing on details and without prolific use of chronologies and memorisation of names.*

Currently an educational reform is taking place in Republic of Cyprus. The introduction of the New Revised Curricula (N.R.C) at the Primary and Gymnasium Level (Lower Secondary Level) of the Republic of Cyprus, and the relevant teacher training course, will be partially introduced in the school year 2010 – 2011 so as to be re-assessed in their practical application and be redefined at the points on which the application will show the need for change. The Courses of the Programmes will reach their final form by the end of school year 2010 – 2011 while the process of fully introducing the N. R.C. in the schools of Primary and Secondary General Education will begin in the school year 2011 – 2012. In order to secure the smooth introduction of the New Revised Curricula (N.R.C) in schools, a controlled application, will be practised on a small level, on specific thematic areas and will be endeavoured in Primary Schools and Gymnasiums.

Teams of teachers, already appointed to different posts, have been set up to work from different services or Governmental departments of the Ministry of Education and Culture [i.e. the Pedagogical Institute, the Curriculum Developer Unit, special advisors on each subject taught, the Administration of the Primary and Secondary Education of the Republic of Cyprus, etc.]. In order to create a data-base of educational material, the supportive teams in collaboration with the trainers, who have undertaken this task in the school year 2010 –

2011, will assess the existing educational material in each subject and its compatibility with the subjects described in the N. R.C. Whenever deemed necessary, academics who were engaged in the committees writing the curricula and inspectors will assist. The existing educational material will not be discarded but the part which is compatible with the N. R.C. will be utilized and reinforced by additional material to be produced within the framework of the training and the process of introducing the New R.C. In the process of preparing the educational material, which will be posted on a specially designed for this occasion website, the new school program, the actual teaching time and the topics or areas designated by the curriculum for each course will be taken into consideration. The co-ordination of this work has been undertaken by the Pedagogical Institute and the Department for the R.C. and the publication (involving typesetting-editing, printing, multiplication etc.), by the Curriculum Developer Unit of the Republic of Cyprus. The training of the teachers has also been undertaken by the Pedagogical Institute in collaboration with the Curriculum Developer Unit. Academics who were involved in the committees responsible for developing the N. R.C. are also participating in the training programme (which is clearly defined) as trainers.