

Learning. Leisure. Adventure.



# Course Brochure

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# Why Cyprus?



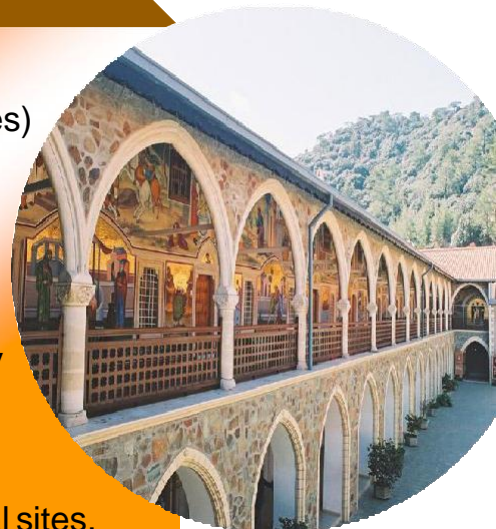
The beautiful island of Cyprus, home to Aphrodite, is an ideal location for language learning. As a popular tourist destination, English is widely spoken. Here at PLATO we believe that learning should be fun, and in Cyprus you can enjoy the historically rich surroundings and warmth of the Mediterranean sun alongside your lessons.



A 10,000 year history has seen civilizations come and go, with everyone from Cleopatra to Alexander the Great staking their claim here. Cyprus offers a compact world of mountains, tradition, enchantment, stunning beaches, vineyards dotted with olive trees, ancient ruins which stir the imagination, and old stone villages where the sweet and delicious wine flows as freely as conversations at the local café.



Limassol (in which the PLATO institute resides) is the second largest city in Cyprus, and serves as an ideal location for exploration and adventure. Whether it's hiking in the picturesque villages, sipping the local Zivania, or delighting your senses with the delicious range of cuisines, Limassol is guaranteed to provide! The city is known for its lively Carnival celebrations, the annual wine festival, and the spontaneous hospitality of its inhabitants. Popular sites include the Medieval castle, the Great Mosque, Kolossi Castle, the waterfalls of Platres, various archaeological sites, the Folk Art museum, and galleries. Come and discover yourself what Limassol has to offer!



# Why PLATO?

Founded in 1972, PLATO was one of the first private educational institutes. Today, Plato has been teaching students for over 40 years, and has formed strong connections with other companies both national and overseas. It also has many partners in Europe.

PLATO is a family run business, adopting its own style of teaching through the use of inventive and exciting ways of learning such as poems, games, movement, and media interaction. PLATO also collaborates with many European programmes such as ERASMUS and Transfer of Innovation, and emphasises vocational training. PLATO believes that learning happens both in and outside of the classroom, and that activities and excursions are an excellent place to practice your new language!



Through cooperation with the HRDA and European Social Fund, PLATO offers training courses for disadvantaged members of society and the unemployed, specifically designing programmes suited to their needs. People from all around the world have trusted PLATO to deliver top quality education in a welcoming and encouraging environment, and in return PLATO has trained its thousands of students to a consistently excellent standard. The flexible approach taken by PLATO means that every student is catered for, to help them better achieve their learning goals.

PLATO also supports cultural events around Cyprus, and organises its own creative workshops. It has published various literary works and educational materials, and offers the chance to its students to gain a TEFL qualification through its cooperation with INTESOL.

# Language Courses

Hello!

您好!

Hola!

привет!

Bonjour!

Γεια!

Ciao!

Here at PLATO, we offer a wide range of language training at a variety of levels. Whether it's English for business, intermediate Chinese, or beginners Russian, PLATO will provide you with a course perfect for your needs!

Below is a list of all the languages we currently offer at the PLATO institute, but if the language you wish to learn is not on the list, just ask us if it possible!

▲ **English** – from pre-primary level to IGCSE (Cambridge exam). You can also study ESP (English for specific purposes) such as law, hotel business, oil and gas expertise, medicine, architecture, and much more!

▲ **Greek** – beginners Greek, Ancient Greek, and Greek for examinations

▲ **Russian** – from beginner to advanced

▲ **Chinese** – from beginner to advanced

▲ **Italian** – from beginner to advanced

▲ **Spanish** – from beginner to advanced

▲ **French** – from beginner to GCE A level certification

▲ **TEFL Qualifications** – accredited

We can also offer private face to face tuition of a language of your choosing, just let us know and we will arrange it for you!

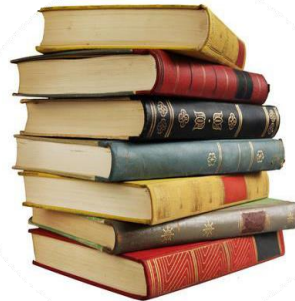
For prices, please contact PLATO Institute at [plato@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:plato@cytanet.com.cy)

# Other courses



In addition to languages, PLATO also provides lessons in an array of other programmes and subjects. These courses offer support and in many cases, training up to the examination level (many of which are necessary for University entry).

Below is a list of the options for vocational training here at PLATO.



**Accounting** – LCCI International qualification and A level qualification

**Economics** – A level qualification

**English literature** – Advanced lessons and support

**Mathematics** – Tutoring support and A level qualification

**Computers** – ECDL, ICT, and A level qualification

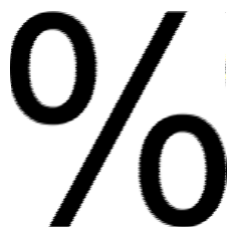
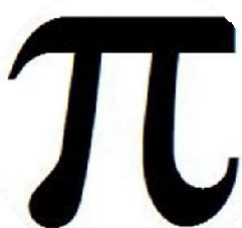
**History** – Tutoring support

**Law** – AS qualification, A level qualification

**Physics** – AS level qualification, A level qualification, Tutoring support

**Chemistry** – Tutoring support, GCE level qualification

We also offer **foundation courses** for entry into UK and USA universities!



# HRDA Courses



The mission of the Human Resource Development Authority of Cyprus (HRDA) is to provide systematic training and planned advancement of the people of Cyprus within all levels and sectors. By doing so, they can develop Cyprus both economically and socially as a country. All courses aim to strengthen skills and confidence, securing better chances of employment. Here at PLATO, we work in cooperation with the HRDA and European social fund to offer courses to the unemployed. All courses are partly funded by the HRDA, with the exception of the Training of Trainers programme, which is free of charge.



Below is the list of supported HRDA programmes offered at PLATO.

**English for the unemployed** – offered in both Limassol and Paphos

**Computers for the unemployed** – offered in Paphos

**English for the hotel industry** – offered in Limassol

**Russian for the hotel industry** – offered in Limassol

**Training of trainers** – this programme involves training sessions by PLATO for the trainers of the HRDA courses, it is offered in Limassol, Paphos, Nicosia, and Larnaca.

# Superminds Programme



SUPERMINDS is a dynamic language learning programme for children aged 3 - 5, 6 – 9 and 10 -12 which combines education and play in order to boost skills such as problem solving, self confidence, language, team work, critical thinking, responsibility, creativity and communication.

SUPERMINDS classes can be offered in English, Greek, Russian, French, and Spanish, (if you require another language, simply ask!) and provides an open minded environment where children can explore their creativity and develop their personalities.

For more information about the SUPERMINDS programme, visit [www.superminds.com](http://www.superminds.com) and enrol your child today!



# Where can I stay?

Here at PLATO, we want to ensure that your stay in Cyprus is as enjoyable as possible and cater to your wishes. You can either find your own accommodation of your choosing or we can arrange accommodation for you and others at one of our selected hotels below.

Alternatively, you can opt to stay in **Boubouki cottage** in the Paphos district.

## **The Navarria 3\* Hotel**

The Navarria Hotel is situated 4.5km from Limassol city centre. It is a family friendly hotel which offers a baby sitting service, a swimming pool, a restaurant, a bar, and a sauna.  
For more information visit  
<http://www.navarriahotelcy.com/>

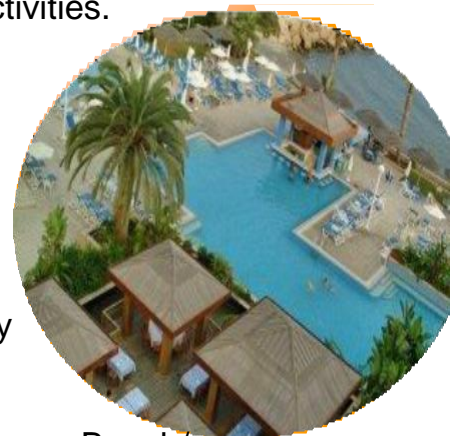
## **The Mediterranean Beach 4\* Hotel**

The Mediterranean Beach Hotel welcomes guests to a warm and inspiring environment of aesthetic luxury and comfort. All rooms include an en-suite bathroom, a balcony or terrace, air-conditioning, central heating, direct dial telephone, and LCD televisions. Amenities include a bar, a pool, a restaurant, and children's activities.  
For more information visit <http://www.medbeach.com>

## **The Atlantica Miramare Beach Hotel 4\***

A superb location right in the tourist centre, the Atlantica Miramare overlooks the Mediterranean sea and is perfectly situated right by the beach. Amenities include a bar, a games room, optional excursions, a spa, pools, a beauty salon, a tennis court, and a gym.

For more information on the Atlantica Miramare visit  
<http://www.atlantica-hotels.com/en/Hotels/Cyprus/AtlanticaMiramareBeach/>



### **The Amathus 5\* Hotel**

The Amathus Beach Hotel, a member of 'The Leading Hotels of the World' offers deluxe accommodation, a top-class range of fitness, sport, and leisure facilities, fabulous restaurants with superlative cuisine, and sumptuous and perfectly appointed surroundings. Amenities include a swimming pool, restaurant, gym, and spa.

The Amathus beach hotel is located on the sea front in the centre of Limassol.

For more information visit

<http://www.amathus-hotels.com/hotel-limassol-cyprus>



### **Boubouki Cottage**

Fancy something more traditional? Located within the stunning, tranquil wine-making village of Mesana in the Paphos district, Boubouki (meaning 'Blossom' in Greek) is the perfect residence for those wishing to experience the more peaceful Cypriot way of life. Living among the friendly locals and exploring the beautiful natural surroundings will give you real insight to Cypriot culture away from the resorts and tourist areas. With a private pool and garden, this is the ultimate spot to relax during your learning experience.

For more information on Boubouki cottage, please visit

<http://toboubouki.wordpress.com/>



### **Pefkos hotel 3\* Hotel**

The Pefkos hotel prides itself on being a 'home away from home' style hotel. Situated in the heart of Limassol city, the Pefkos facilities include a bar, a conference room, a games room, and an outdoor pool. For more information please visit: <http://pefkoshotel.com/>



### **The Tasiana Hotel Apartment Complex**

A family run business since 1979, the Tasiana hotel complex allows you to choose a variety of apartments. Amenities include a pool, childrens area, a gym, and a tennis court. It is located close to the beach and the motorway. For more information please visit:

<http://www.tasianacomplex.com/>

Full board at the Tasiana Hotel Apartment complex and the Pefkos hotel is included in the package price stated on our website. The other accommodation choices will produce a different price, so please let us know.



# What can I do in my spare time?

Thanks to its year-round sunshine, blue skies and warm waters, Cyprus enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the world's top sun, sea, and sand destinations. However, the island has much more to offer! Our students are able to enjoy an unforgettable experience here through a variety of extra activities such as trips to the villages and mountains, exploring sanctuaries and tombs, visiting monasteries and beaches, canoeing, Jeep safaris, octopus fishing, dining out, karaoke, scuba diving, and much more!

If there is something you would like us to arrange while you are staying in Cyprus, just let us know!



# The staff of PLATO

Mr. Antonis Ioannou

Founder of PLATO Educational Services, Mr Ioannou has a TEFL qualification, as well as a BA and MA in English language.

Mrs. Maria A. Ioannou

Director of Studies and LDV coordinator at PLATO, Maria has a TEFL qualification, a BA in Literature from Reading University, and an MA in Literature from Kings College, London.

Mr. Nearchos A. Ioannou

Nearchos has an FCCA and CFA qualification, as well as a BA in accounting from the University of Dundee in the UK. He is the Accounting director of PLATO.

Mr. Aris Ioannou

Director of the Economics department, Aris holds both a BA and MA qualification in Economics from the University of Dundee in the UK.

**Q: Where can we find more information?**

A: You can visit our websites:

[www.plato-edu.com](http://www.plato-edu.com)

[www.linguasummercourses.com](http://www.linguasummercourses.com)

**Q: Why should we study with you?**

A: We are a family-owned business offering high quality English courses for more than 47 years in a comfortable a pleasant learning environment.

**Q: Who are your teachers?**

A: All our teachers, both native speakers of English and locals, are experienced graduates from UK Universities all holders of a TESOL/TEFL qualification.

**Q: Are you accredited?**

A: We are accredited by the Cyprus ministry of Education and Culture and the following UK Bodies: Intesol, ICM and ALAP. We are a member of the Governing Body of ELSAC . PLATO also offers Accredited TESOL/TEFL Courses

**Q: Do you have special programmes for children?**

A: Yes, for children aged 3 – 7, we have SupermindKids. For more information on this please visit [www.supermind-kids.eu](http://www.supermind-kids.eu)

# Get in touch!

If you have any more questions about our programmes and services, please contact us.

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