

GREEK SENIOR UNITS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND ANCIENT HISTORY, 2012

In 2012, the department intends to offer courses on the following texts. Please note that this programme may be subject to alteration. This document does not supersede any regulation in the UG handbook, where more information about assessment, learning situations, and the design of the units can be found.

Semester 1

GRKA2600: Intermediate Greek 1 (Andrew Hartwig)

Lysias 1 and Plato *Symposium* (selections)

Prerequisites HSC Greek or GRKA1601 or GRKA2612 or GRKA2621 or GRKA1002

Prohibitions GRKA2603

This unit builds upon the linguistic foundations provided by GRKA1601 or GRKA2621. It completes the survey of Greek grammar and introduces students to the translation and detailed analysis of extended extracts from Classical authors. Texts for reading are Lysias' speech *On the Murder of Eratosthenes* as well as a selection from Plato's *Symposium*.

GRKA3600: Advanced Greek (Anthony Alexander)

Herodotus, Thucydides, Lysias, Demosthenes, Plato

Prerequisites GRKA2601 or equivalent

Writers of Greek prose chose strikingly different styles in which to present their works. This unit focusses on selected texts of Herodotus, Thucydides, Lysias, Demosthenes and Plato demonstrating the variety of styles adopted by these authors. The readings will be accompanied by prose compositions in these styles and unseen translations of passages from these authors. Assessment is by reference to these compositions and translations; there is no examination.

GRKA3603 Greek Oratory and Historiography (Tamara Neal)

Herodotus, Gorgias, Demosthenes

Corequisites GRKA3600 or equivalent

The histories of Herodotus, Thucydides and Xenophon and the speeches of Antiphon, Andocides, Lysias, Isocrates, Demosthenes, Aeschines, Lysurgus, and Demades are our primary sources for the political and social history of Athens and Greece in the fifth and fourth centuries BC. This unit offers a close reading of historical and rhetorical texts in the original Greek. We will be studying Demosthenes *Against Conon*, Gorgias, *Encomium of Helen*, and selections from Herodotus Book 3.

Semester 2

GRKA2601: Intermediate Greek 2 (Anthony Alexander)

Herodotus and Greek lyric poetry

Prerequisites GRKA2600 or GRKA2603

The Persian Wars provided a focal point for Greece and in particular the way in which Athens regarded herself. This unit offers the opportunity both to study passages of Herodotus in which he describes the events of those times and to gain familiarity with the dialect in which he wrote. The unit will close with an opportunity to read some Greek lyric poetry, including some of Sappho's acclaimed masterpieces.

GRKA3601: The Language of the Greek Bible (Peter Brown)

Corequisites GRKA2600 or GRKA1102 or MGRK2675 and MGRK2676

Note: Students wishing to do a Greek (Ancient) major or Honours are advised to take this unit concurrently with GRKA2601.

This is a unit designed for those who have already completed at least two terms of Greek, whether Ancient or New Testament. We will focus on extending grammatical knowledge and syntax, in addition to reading selections from a number of important biblical texts. Interpretation as well as translation will play a major part in the unit.

GRKA3605: Greek Drama (Peter Wilson)

Sophocles *Ajax*

Prerequisites 18 GRKA credit points at 3000 level

Ajax is one of the most complex and difficult of heroes in all Classical literature. In Sophocles' tragedy he generates awe, pity, horror, admiration and revulsion simultaneously. Among many other ways in which this masterpiece of Greek literature speaks insistently to us is through its powerful exploration of the failure of an intensely competitive society to cope with the 'losers' in the zero-sum game of competition for prestige. Good commentaries: Jebb 1896; Stanford 1963; Garvie 1998; Finglass 2011.

Requirements for Honours

When making your choices, remember that to do Honours in Greek, you require:

- a Credit average in 42 senior credit points of Greek, including two of GRKA3603, 3604, 3605 and 3606;
- 6 additional senior credit points of Greek, Latin or Ancient History.

You may also be interested in the literature-in-translation unit running in Semester 2, 2012: ***Comedy in the Ancient World*** (ANHS2615)