

**Ancient Greek Intermediate I
SLTG 5224**

An intensive course in the language and culture of ancient Greece

Language course, 3 credits

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Learning Ancient Greek at CEU

Ancient Greek is one of the most important source languages of Late Antique & Medieval Studies, Ancient Philosophy and Religious Studies. Whether your interest is in reading classical Greek texts in their own right, in studying their reception in the Middle Ages or, ultimately, in moving from classical texts towards Late Antique and Byzantine literature, a thorough training in ancient Greek will be the *conditio sine qua non* to pursue any of these goals.

Goals and learning outcomes. Participants of the course will gain a sound knowledge of the Ancient Greek language (Attic dialect), i.e. an ability to read, analyse and interpret primary source material written in Greek. After four terms (two years) of study – i.e., in time for PhD studies in most cases –, participants should be able to attend Greek Text Seminars or advanced classes in Classical and Byzantine Greek offered at CEU or in higher education institutions other than CEU.

Format. Each session (75 minutes, twice in a week) begins with a short written test (five to ten minutes), in order to make sure that participants have thoroughly memorized the vocabulary and grammar of the previous session. Assigned homework is checked before we turn to texts and exercises. Regular homework is set; students should estimate that successful participation in these classes requires at least *twice* the amount of time outside the classroom than inside the classroom.

Reading. The classes are based on (A) the British Joint Association of Classical Teachers' Greek course, *Reading Greek*, 2nd edn, 2007, which comes in two parts: (1) *Text and Vocabulary* and (2) *Grammar and Exercises*; and, secondarily, (B) *Teach Yourself Ancient Greek* by Gavin Betts and Alan Henry, ²2003.

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The course is open for everyone with a sound knowledge of Ancient Greek morphology (declensions, conjugation of the regular verb).

Assessment. Regular attendance (at least twenty sessions out of twenty four) is mandatory for everyone, including those who are registered only for Audit. (According to the SLTG Guidelines, students signed up for Audit who fail to meet this requirement will be given a W, or withdraw, grade.) Student performance will be assessed through short quizzes of five to ten minutes at the beginning of each session, the final written exam (based on all the grammar and vocabulary learnt during the semester), and the translation and analysis of a passage in Greek chosen by each participant for herself/himself and scrutinized independently. The prerequisite for Audit is that you submit all the exercises to be done at home; an additional requirement for Pass is a B (60%) for the Final Exam.

Week 1

Introduction, revision (5A-9J)

10 A-B (*Reading Greek*)

Grammar and Exercises: The aorist optative

Text and Vocabulary: Aristophanes' *Lysistrata* 1

Week 2

10 C-E

Grammar and Exercises: More verbs ending in -μι; the relative pronoun

Text and Vocabulary: Aristophanes' *Lysistrata* 2

Week 3

11 A-C

Grammar and Exercises: The passive; the genitive absolute; comparative and superlative adverbs; two-termination adjectives

Text and Vocabulary: Aristophanes' *Akharnians*

Week 4

12 A-D

Grammar and Exercises: The aorist passive; the verb ἴστημι

Text and Vocabulary: "Neaira as a slave" 1

Week 5

12 E-F

Grammar and Exercises: Indirect speech using the infinitive; the verbs τίθημι and δείκνυμι

Text and Vocabulary: "Neaira as a slave" 2

Week 6

12 G-I

Grammar and Exercises: Conditional sentences; wishes ('if only...'); ὅπως + fut. indic. ('see to it that...'); optatives of εἰμί, οἶδα and εἶμι; the participle in indirect speech; the future passive

Text and Vocabulary: "Neaira as a slave" 3

Week 7

13 A-B

Grammar and Exercises: The aorist infinitive passive; future participles; πρὶν + infinitive

Text and Vocabulary: "Neaira as a married woman" 1

Week 8

13 C-D

Grammar and Exercises: Conditional sentences; infinitives used as nouns

Text and Vocabulary: "Neaira as a married woman" 2

Week 9

13 E-F

Grammar and Exercises: The perfect indicative active; the aorist optative passive; sequence of tenses; the future optative

Text and Vocabulary: "Neaira as a married woman" 3

Week 10

13 G-I

Grammar and Exercises: The perfect indicative middle and passive; perfect infinitives and participles; irregular perfects

Text and Vocabulary: "Neaira as a married woman" 4

Week 11

14 (A-F)

Grammar and Exercises: The subjunctive

Text and Vocabulary: "Guarding a woman's purity"

Week 12

Revision (10A-14F)

Written Exam (based on 10A-14F)