

Fall 2019, MW 9:00-9:50, TR 8:35-9:25

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**Office Hours:** M 2:10-3 R 2-2:50 or by appointment. I have an open-door policy, but it's always best to let me know ahead of time if you intend to drop in.

**Course Objective:** The immediate goal of this course is to provide the student with a basic understanding of the Greek language through the study of its morphology and syntax, and through readings of Classical Greek texts. Completion of the course should allow students to proceed to the intermediate-level (GREK 33) and advanced reading of Greek literature (GREK 44). The ultimate goal of the course is to instill in students an appreciation of the significance of classical literature on the western tradition and in our own lives.

**Course Plan:** We will complete most of Shelmerdine's *Introduction To Greek*, focusing on morphology, syntax, and basic vocabulary. Students are expected to complete all assignments on time and to participate actively in class. As in any language course it is extremely important for students to maintain a disciplined regimen of daily study. Homework, quizzes, comprehensive exams, and a final examination will provide the basis for evaluation of student progress.

**Texts:** Please obtain the following texts. Note in particular the specific edition required.

- Shelmerdine, C.W. *Introduction to Greek*, 2nd edition. Newburyport, MA: Focus Publishing, 2008.

**Academic Responsibility:** I take the issues of cheating and plagiarism seriously. Please familiarize yourself with Pomona's policies and procedures regarding appropriate and inappropriate academic behavior by consulting the following webpage:

[http://catalog.pomona.edu/content.php?catoid=3&navoid=80#Academic\\_Standards](http://catalog.pomona.edu/content.php?catoid=3&navoid=80#Academic_Standards)

It is your responsibility to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct, plagiarism, and other violations of academic honesty.

**Academic Accommodations:** Pomona College is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Requests for accommodations may be made by contacting the Dean of Students Office. It is up to the student to contact the professor to fulfill the accommodations. Requests received after this date will be honored whenever possible.

**Grading:** The following table gives a breakdown of grades in the class. For my views on grading, participation, and classroom etiquette, please consult the following:

<http://pages.pomona.edu/~cmc24747/policies.htm>.

Periodic Exams (9): 50%

Final Exam: 30%

Participation: 20%\*

\*The participation component is based on my impression of your preparedness. If I feel you are not prepared on more than one occasion, you will lose 2 percentage points for each subsequent instance of unpreparedness. Attendance is mandatory. Your overall grade will be reduced by one-third of a latter grade for each unexcused absence. For an absence to be excused you must provide me with appropriate documentation within one day.

**Schedule:** The following schedule outlines the readings and assignments that we will attempt to cover this quarter. Use this schedule as a rough guide for general study and, if you like, for working ahead. S = Sections in Shelmerdine; E = Exercises in Shelmerdine.

**Week 1**

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**M Sept 2**

NO CLASS

**T Sept 3**

Introduction to Classical Greek: language and literature

**W Sept 4**

Prepare: S 1.1-4; Ch 1 Video; Ch 1 Exercises

In class: E 1-3

**R Sept 5**

Prepare: S 1.5-6; Ch 1 Video; Ch 1 Exercises

In class: Accent Practice

**Week 2**

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**M Sept 9**

Prepare: S 2.1-3; Ch 2 Video; Ch 2 Exercises

In class: E 4-6

**T Sept 10**

Prepare: S 2.4-5; Ch 2 Video; Ch 2 Exercises

In class: E 7-9

**W Sept 11**

Prepare: S 3.1-6; Ch 3 Video; Ch 3 Exercises

In class: E 10-13

**R Sept 12**

Prepare: S 3.7; Ch 3 Video; Ch 3 Exercises

In class: E 14-16

**Week 3**

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**M Sept 16**

Prepare: S 4.1-3; Ch 4 Video; Ch 4 Exercises

In class: E 17

**T Sept 17**

Prepare: S 4.4-5; Ch 4 Video; Ch 4 Exercises

In class: E 18-20

**W Sept 18**

Prepare: S 5.1-3; Ch 5 Video; Ch 5 Exercises

In class: E 21-24

**R Sept 19**

Prepare: S 5.4-5; Ch 5 Video; Ch 5 Exercises

In class: E 25-27

EXAM 1 due Monday

**Week 4**

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**M Sept 23**

Prepare: S 6; Ch 6 Video; Ch 6 Exercises

In class: E 28-29

**T Sept 24**

Prepare: S 7.1-3; Ch 7 Video; Ch 7 Exercises

In class: E 30

**W Sept 25**

Prepare: S 7.4-6; Ch 7 Video; Ch 7 Exercises  
In class: E 31-32

**R Sept 26**

REVIEW

EXAM 2 Due Monday

**Week 5**

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**M Sept 30**

Prepare: S 8.1-3; Ch 8 Video; Ch 8 Exercises  
In class: E 33

**T Oct 1**

Prepare: S 8.4-5; Ch 8 Video; Ch 8 Exercises  
In class: E 34-35

**W Oct 2**

Prepare: S 9.1-4; Ch 9 Video; Ch 9 Exercises  
In class: E 36-37

**R Oct 3**

Prepare: S 9.5-6; Ch 9 Video; Ch 9 Exercises  
In class: E 38-39

EXAM 3 Due Monday

**Week 6**

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**M Oct 7**

Prepare: S 10; Ch 10 Video; Ch 10 Exercises  
In class: E 40-41

**T Oct 8**

Prepare: S 11; Ch 11 Video; Ch 11 Exercises  
In class: E 44-45; 47-48

**W Oct 9**

Prepare: S 12; Ch 12 Video; Ch 12 Exercises  
In class: E 50-53

**R Oct 10**

REVIEW

EXAM 4 Due Monday

**Week 7**

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**M Oct 14**

Prepare: S 13; Ch 13 Video; Ch 13 Exercises  
In class: E 54-57

**T Oct 15**

Prepare: S 14; Ch 14 Video; Ch 14 Exercises  
In class: E 59-62

**W Oct 16**

Prepare: S 15; Ch 15 Video; Ch 15 Exercises  
In class: 67, 70-71

**R Oct 17**

REVIEW

EXAM 5 Due Monday

**Week 8**

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**M Oct 21**

FALL BREAK

**T Oct 22**

FALL BREAK

**W Oct 23**

REVIEW

**R Oct 24**

REVIEW

**Week 9**

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**M Oct 28**

Prepare: S 16; Ch 16 Video; Ch 16 Exercises

In class: E 72-73

**T Oct 29**

Prepare: S 17; Ch 17 Video; Ch 17 Exercises

In class: E 76, 78-79

**W Oct 30**

Prepare: S 18; Ch 18 Video; Ch 18 Exercises

In class: E 80, 83-84

**R Oct 31**

REVIEW

EXAM 6 Due Monday

**Week 10**

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**M Nov 4**

Prepare: S 19; Ch 19 Video; Ch 19 Exercises

In class: E 86, 89, 92-93

**T Nov 5**

Prepare: S 20; Ch 20 Video; Ch 20 Exercises

In class: E 94, 96-97

**W Nov 6**

Prepare: S 21; Ch 21 Video; Ch 21 Exercises

In class: E 98, 100-101

**R Nov 7**

REVIEW

EXAM 7 Due Monday

**Week 11**

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**M Nov 11**

Prepare: S 22; Ch 22 Video; Ch 22 Exercises

In class: E 102-103

**T Nov 12**

Prepare: S 23; Ch 23 Video; Ch 23 Exercises

In class: E 105, 107-108

**W Nov 13**

Prepare: S 24; Ch 24 Video; Ch 24 Exercises

In class: E 109, 111-112

**R Nov 14**

REVIEW

EXAM 8 Due Monday

**Week 12**

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**M Nov 18**

Prepare: S 25; Ch 25 Video; Ch 25 Exercises

In class: E 114-115

**T Nov 19**

Prepare: S 26; Ch 26 Video; Ch 26 Exercises

In class: E 117-118

**W Nov 20**

Prepare: S 27; Ch 27 Video; Ch 27 Exercises

In class: E 119, 121-122

**R Nov 21**

REVIEW

EXAM 9 Due Monday

**Week 13**

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**M Nov 25**

REVIEW

**T Nov 26**

REVIEW

**W Nov 27**

THANKSGIVING RECESS

**R Nov 28**

THANKSGIVING RECESS

**Week 14**

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**M Dec 2**

Prepare: S 28; Ch 28 Video; Ch 28 Exercises

In class: E 123-125

**T Dec 3**

Prepare: S 29; Ch 29 Video; Ch 29 Exercises

In class: E 127, 129-130

**W Dec 4**

Prepare: S 30; Ch 30 Video; Ch 20 Exercises

In class: E 131-133

**R Dec 5**

REVIEW

EXAM 10 Due Monday

**Week 15**

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**M Dec 7**  
REVIEW

**T Dec 10**  
REVIEW

**W Dec 11**  
REVIEW

**R Dec 12**  
NO CLASS

**FINAL EXAM Thursday, December 19, 9am-12pm**

**Reference Works:** Here is a list of some reference texts to which Classical scholars frequently refer and which might prove useful to beginning students of Greek. If you intend to continue your Greek studies beyond the first year, you will doubtless encounter these books in some context or another.

- Bury, J. B. and Russell Meiggs. *A history of Greece to the death of Alexander the Great*, 3rd edition. New York: St. Martins Press, 1975.
- Denniston, J. D. *The Greek particles*, 2nd edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1954.
- Goodwin, William W. *An elementary Greek grammar*. Boston, MA: Ginn, 1882.
- Goodwin, William W. *Syntax of the moods and tenses of the Greek verb*, 5th edition. London: Methuen, 1912.
- Hornblower, Simon and Anthony Spawforth, editors. *The Oxford classical dictionary*, 3rd edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996.
- Joint Association of Classical Teachers. *The world of Athens: an introduction to classical Athenian culture*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1984.
- Lesky, Albin. *A history of Greek literature*. Translated by James Willis and Cornelis de Heer. New York: Crowell, 1966.
- Liddell, H. G., R. Scott, and H. Stuart Jones. *A Greek-English lexicon*, 9th edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1940.
- Smyth, Herbert Weir. *Greek grammar*, revised by Gordon M. Messing. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1956.