

Greek (Ancient) (GRKA)

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GRKA 1001. Ancient Greek 1. 4 Credit Hours.

Ancient Greek was spoken not just in Athens and Sparta but also on the shores of the Black Sea, in Egypt, Sicily, and Spain. Ancient Greek is the language of the first philosophers, the first scientists, the first dramatists, as well as the New Testament. At the end of a single year of Greek, students can read these texts, and this course, combined with 1002, will prepare them to do so. In addition to studying grammar and word forms, students learn Greek by reading it in a text that starts simply and gradually increases in difficulty until they are reading authentic Plato and Greek historians late in the second semester. Most of the early adapted readings are important texts from Greek mythology, literature, philosophy, and history. Students thus learn both the Greek language and about the ancient Greek world.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

GRKA 1002. Ancient Greek 2. 4 Credit Hours.

Building on Greek 1001, Greek 1002 continues to develop knowledge of the Greek language with readings of gradually increasing difficulty, mainly based on Herodotus, until students are reading authentic Plato and Greek historians late in the semester. By the end of the course, students are prepared to read a wide range of ancient Greek authors and the New Testament.

Course Attributes: LA

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

Pre-requisites: Minimum grade of C- in GRKA 1001.

GRKA 1003. Intensive Ancient Greek. 7 Credit Hours.

This course provides the equivalent of a full year of the study of Ancient Greek in one semester. Students learn the fundamentals of Greek grammar and syntax and read progressively more difficult passages adapted from ancient authors. Upon completion of this course students will be able to enter second-year Greek.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

GRKA 2001. Ancient Greek 3. 3 Credit Hours.

This course consolidates the understanding of the language of the ancient Greeks through the close reading of unadapted texts. Readings in ancient Greek prose, usually Greek oratory (such as a political speech from the Athenian Assembly or a legal speech from a trial), a short dialogue by Plato, or a satirical piece by Lucian (a Syrian who lived during the Roman Empire).

Course Attributes: LB

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

Pre-requisites: Minimum grade of C- in (GRKA 1002 or GRKA 1003)

GRKA 2002. Ancient Greek 4. 3 Credit Hours.

Readings in ancient Greek poetry: Homeric epic or a Greek tragedy by Euripides (Medea, Alcestis or Bacchae). The course will examine in detail not just the poetic language of each text but also their broader genres and the contexts of their performance.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

Pre-requisites: Minimum grade of C- in GRKA 2001.

GRKA 3002. Readings in Greek Literature II. 3 Credit Hours.

Arranged each semester. Please consult with the instructor.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

Pre-requisites: Minimum grade of C- in GRKA 2002.

GRKA 3096. Readings in Greek Literature I. 3 Credit Hours.

Arranged each semester. Please consult with the instructor.

Course Attributes: WI

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

Pre-requisites: Minimum grade of C- in GRKA 2002.

GRKA 4082. Independent Study. 1 to 6 Credit Hour.

Concentrated work at an advanced level on a topic chosen by student and teacher. Weekly tutorial sessions.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

Pre-requisites: Minimum grade of C- in GRKA 2002.

GRKA 4182. Independent Study. 3 Credit Hours.

Concentrated work at an advanced level on a topic chosen by student and teacher. Weekly tutorial sessions.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

Pre-requisites: Minimum grade of C- in GRKA 2002.