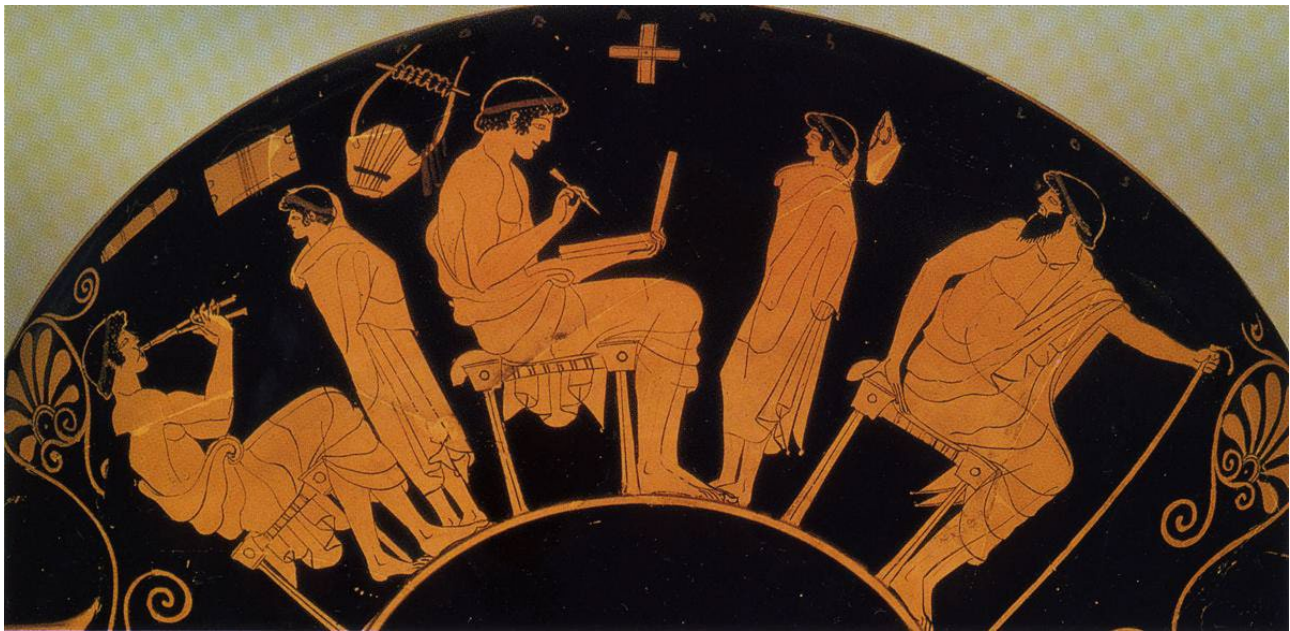


## CLAG 201 Intermediate Ancient Greek I: Attic Prose Fall Semester 2023

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*A teacher shows his student how to use the writing kit*

Douris' Attic Red-figure "School" Cup, early 5<sup>th</sup> c. BC  
Berlin, Staatliche Museum

### Required Text

Selected works in prose (Copy of the original text will be provided in class)

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Liddell H. G. & Scott R., *An Intermediate Greek-English Lexicon*  
Smyth H.W., *Greek Grammar*, Oxford 2010

### Course Description and Activities

This course is intended to introduce the student to the work of prose writers of the Classical, Hellenistic and Roman periods. It consists of the reading of a Socratic dialogue in Plato or of portions of Herodotus' *The Histories* or of the most representative speeches and works of the greatest orators and prose writers, such as Lysias, Isocrates, Antiphon, Demosthenes, and Lucian.

We will focus on improving your reading skills and at the same time expanding your knowledge of the grammar and syntax of the language. Exams in writing, exercises on the board and sight-reading are important components of the course. We will also examine the author's language and style in comparison to that of contemporary authors. Aspects pertaining to the place of the text in its historical context will also be addressed: how does the work relate to the events of the period during which it was written, what was its purpose, does it reflect the values of the society and its people, what values are those, what are the author's political views, and so on.

## Learning Objectives

It is the overall purpose of the course not only to improve your reading skills but also to make clear the role of the text in the history of Greece and the literature produced there. Having learned the basics of Ancient Greek at your home institutions, you will improve, with my assistance, your reading skills by translating as much Greek as possible.

Try to allow about 2-2.30 hours per night for homework. The more study time put in early on, the less pain and suffering later on. You are encouraged to consult with the instructor on all matters pertaining to the course: difficulties in mastering the language and grammar, complications in proceeding through the materials of the course.

## Course Requirements and Exams

**Class Attendance:** Ancient Greek is a difficult language to master and CYA regards attendance in class as essential. Therefore, it is highly important that you attend class. You are expected to report for classes promptly. Absences are recorded and have consequences. Illness or other such compelling reasons, which result in absences, should be reported immediately in the Student Affairs Office.

**Participation:** Your participation is vitally important to your success in this course. Participation is expected and **graded**. You are expected to have all assignments completed (translation, review of modern scholarship, and so on) before you come to class. Do not be afraid to ask questions, volunteer to translate or answer questions.

**Exams:** There will be six quizzes, a midterm, and the final exam. Each quiz will cover the previous reading assignment translated in class. It will consist of translation (one passage, ca. 10 lines long), grammar and syntax exercises. The lowest quiz will be dropped. Both the midterm and the final exams will consist of the translation of 4 out of 5 passages already discussed in class, 15 lines long each; the sight translation of a short passage, for which some vocabulary will be given; and grammar and syntax questions. The final will examine the material covered after the midterm (it will not be cumulative).

**N.B. MAKEUPS WILL BE GIVEN ONLY FOR VALID EXCUSES.**

## Grading and Evaluation

Your grade for this course will be based on the following distribution:

30% Final  
30% Midterm  
25% Quizzes  
10% Participation  
5% Attendance

### Grading Scale:

A+ 100-98	B+ 89-87	C+ 79-77	D+ 69-67	F 59-
A 97-93	B 86-83	C 76-73	D 66-63	
A- 92-90	B- 82-80	C- 72-70	D- 62-60	

**Please note: in the name of fairness to all students, there will be no extra points awarded, even if you are very close to a higher letter grade.**

## Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If you are a registered (with your home institution) student with a disability and you are entitled to learning accommodation, please inform the Director of Academic Affairs and make sure that your school forwards the necessary documentation.

## Class Schedule

Class Week	Day/Date	Assignment	Other Events
1	Aug 28-Sept 3		Field Study: Delphi (Sept 2-3)
2	Sept 4-10		
3	Sept 11-17		Field Study: Crete (Sept 13-16)
4	Sept 18-24	Quiz 1 (Sept 19)	Optional Trip: Andros (Sept 22-24)
5	Sept 25-Oct 1	Quiz 2 (Sept 28)	
6	Oct 2-8		Optional Trip: Metsovo, Ioannina & Meteora (Oct 6-8)
7	Oct 9-15	Quiz 3 (Oct 10)	Reading Day (Oct 13)
8	Oct 16-22	Midterm Exam (Oct 19)	
9	Oct 23-29	NO CLASS	- Fall Break (Oct 20-29) - National Holiday: October 28
10	Oct 30-Nov 5		Optional Trip: Rome (Nov 3-5)
11	Nov 6-12		Field Study: Peloponnese (Nov 7-11)
12	Nov 13-19	Quiz 4 (Nov 14)	
13	Nov 20-26	Quiz 5 (Nov 21)	Thanksgiving Break (Nov 23-26)
14	Nov 27-Dec 3		
15	Dec 4-10	Quiz 6 (Dec 5)	Reading Day (Dec 8)

## Final Exam: TBA

NB: *Course schedule*, in terms of subjects and readings, may be subject to change to benefit student learning and in keeping up to date with current research

### N.B.

The use of cell phones is prohibited during class time. You may use your computers but ONLY for class-related purposes.

Food is not allowed in classrooms. Beverages are permitted, but be sure to clean up any mess you make.