

GREEK 101
Fall 2003
Dr. Kirk M. Summers

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

M. Balme & G. Lawall, *Athenaze: An Introduction to Ancient Greek* (New York & Oxford, 2003²).

COURSE OBJECTIVES

One objective that is **NOT** part of this class is learning how to communicate with Greek speaking people. Modern Greek is taught in a different class. This class is about Ancient Greek, which has the same affinity with Modern Greek as English does with Old English or even Latin.

By the end of the semester, students of GR 101 will be able to:

- read and understand simple prose in ancient Greek (that is, the Attic dialect that Plato used).
- understand the grammatical and syntactical structure of the language.
- understand the fundamentals of the ancient Greek culture.
- read passages in other Greek dialects, such as the one in which the New Testament is written.

GRADING

Beginning August 27th, you will have a quiz or exam everyday. The material to be studied for the quizzes will be announced in class the day before, but will typically involve the vocabulary and forms. There are no make-ups; you will make a zero on any quiz that you miss for any reason. You can drop your **THREE** lowest quiz grades. The midterm is marked on the syllabus, and the final will be given at the prescheduled time. The quizzes = 20% of your grade; class participation = 20% of your grade; the midterm and final count 15% each.

*If you provide me with your e-mail address, I will send you reminders about the material to be covered on each quiz or test.

The format of the tests and final will be discussed in class.

CLASS PARTICIPATION

Greek is learned through practice. I will be assigning you sentences and passages from the book to translate for the following class. You must come to class prepared to translate out loud. Rather than read your translation from a notebook, I expect you to be able to translate directly from the Greek in your book. Everyone who is fully prepared on a given day will receive a 100 for class participation that day. If you have done some of the work but not all of it, expect to receive an 85, 75, or 65 in proportion to how much work you have completed and how well you can translate out loud. If you have completed none of the assignment, you will be given a 0 for that day's class participation. If you arrive late or leave early without special reason (accepted by me), I will deduct points from your class participation grade in proportion to the time you gave to the class.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

You are not required to attend, but please note the related make-up policy above and the class participation grade.

AUGUST

20: First day of class; syllabus.

22: The Greek alphabet.

25: Pronunciation; syllabification. Basic terminology of the class: inflection, forms, paradigm, diphthong, macron, conjugation, declension, grammar, syntax, etc.

27: Chapter 1a

29: Chapter 1a

07: Chapter 1b

SEPTEMBER

01: LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

03: Chapter 2a

05: Chapter 2b

08: Chapter 3a

10: Chapter 3b

12: Chapter 4a

15: Chapter 4b

17: REVIEW

19: TEST ONE
22: Chapter 5a
24: Chapter 5b
26: Chapter 6a
29: Chapter 6b

OCTOBER

01: Chapter 7a
03: Chapter 7b
06: Chapter 8a
08: Chapter 8b
10: REVIEW
13: TEST TWO
15: Chapter 9a
17: Chapter 9b
20: Chapter 10a
22: Chapter 10b
24: Chapter 11a
27: Chapter 11b
29: Chapter 12a
31: NO CLASS

NOVEMBER

03: Chapter 12b
05: REVIEW
07: TEST THREE
10: Chapter 13a
12: Chapter 13b
14: Chapter 14a
17: Chapter 14b
19: Chapter 15a
21: Chapter 15b
24: Chapter 15b (continued)
26: Chapter 16a
28: Chapter 16a (continued)

DECEMBER

01: Chapter 16b
03: Chapter 16b (continued)
05: REVIEW FOR FINAL

FINAL EXAM: Thursday, December 11, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Any cases of academic misconduct, including plagiarism, will be referred to the Dean's office for disciplinary action.

SPECIAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY ACCESS

To request disability accommodations, please contact Disability Services (348-4285). After initial arrangements are made with that office, contact your professor.

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