

## Ancient Greek Linguistics II (A000891)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 5.0** **Study time 150 h**

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2023-2024**

B (semester 1)	Dutch	Gent	seminar
			independent work

**Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024**

Monaco, Chiara	LW06	staff member
Bentein, Klaas	LW06	lecturer-in-charge
la Roi, Ezra	LW06	co-lecturer

**Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024**

	<b>crdts</b>	<b>offering</b>
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Greek)	5	B
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Greek)	5	B
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Greek)	5	B
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject German - Greek)	5	B
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin - Greek)	5	B
Exchange Programme Linguistics and Literature	5	B
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Greek)	5	B

**Teaching languages**

Dutch

**Keywords**

Ancient Greek, discourse analysis, historiography, language system, language change

**Position of the course**

This course familiarizes students with a discourse-analytic approach to Ancient Greek, based on the reading of historiographical texts. It also gives a brief introduction of linguistic change in later stages of the Greek language.

**Contents**

After a brief overview of the different discourse-analytic approaches to Ancient Greek, one specific approach, the functional linguistic one, is considered from closeby and applied to Classical Greek prose. Various linguistic systems, such as 'transitivity', 'causality', 'information structure', and 'evaluation', are introduced, and explored through historiographical texts. The emphasis is on the synchronous language system, in particular the synchronous connection between language and context, but attention is also paid to the diachronic evolution of the language system, and its impact on the earlier-mentioned linguistic systems.

**Initial competences**

Students have already attended previous language acquisition courses and the course Ancient Greek Linguistics I (or have acquired the necessary skills by other means). Good command of Attic Greek (morphology, vocabulary, and syntax) is thus assumed.

**Final competences**

- 1 Being able to apply modern functional-linguistic insights to ancient Greek prose, with particular attention to the relationship between language and context.
- 2 Being able to read, explain and interpret Greek texts independently, using scientific dictionaries, editions and commentaries.
- 3 To have a basic understanding of the diachronic development of Classical Greek to Post-classical Greek.

- 4 Being able to use the learned methods to compile a linguistic dataset and on this basis to compare authors and their work with each other.
- 5 To have an insight in the main digital tools that can be used for a discourse-analytic approach of Ancient Greek texts, and to be able to work with them.

#### **Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

#### **Conditions for exam contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

#### **Teaching methods**

Group work, Seminar, Lecture, Independent work

#### **Extra information on the teaching methods**

- \* Lecture: background to discourse analysis and its application to Ancient Greek (no recordings are made available).
- \* Seminar: reading historiographical texts, applying digital methods.
- \* Independent work: preparing texts to be read in class.
- \* Group work: presentation at the end of the semester.

#### **Learning materials and price**

Weekly reading assignments (documents made available through Ufora).  
Weekly powerpoint presentations.

#### **References**

- \* Martin, J. R., & D. Rose. *Working with Discourse: Meaning beyond the Clause*. 2nd ed. London; New York, 2007.
- \* Wilson, N. G. *Herodoti Historiae*. Scriptorum classicorum bibliotheca Oxoniensis. Oxford, 2015.

#### **Course content-related study coaching**

Help with and feedback on independent study and self-study, guided exercises, feedback during class and on appointment.

#### **Assessment moments**

end-of-term and continuous assessment

#### **Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Written assessment

#### **Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Written assessment

#### **Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

Participation, Assignment

#### **Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

#### **Extra information on the examination methods**

- Participation (non-periodical): preparation of primary literature, active participation during class.
- Paper/report (non-periodical): short presentation of own research.
- Written exam (period-specific): linguistic analysis of text fragments that have been analysed in class or read cursorily. At least one text fragment is polled for language proficiency (via morphological and syntactic control questions).

#### **Calculation of the examination mark**

- Non-periodical (30%): 10% participation, 20% presentation
- Periodical (70%): written exam.

#### **Facilities for Working Students**

1. Possible exemption from specific educational activities requiring student attendance.
2. Possible rescheduling of the exam to a different time in the same academic year.
3. Feedback is possible on appointment during office hours.

