Ancient Greek: Language Acquisition II (A005059)

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 2024-2025

A (semester 2)	Dutch	Gent	seminar
			lecture

Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025

Vanacker, Katrien	LW07	staff member
Bernard, Floris	LW07	lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025	**crdts**	**offering**

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Classical Greek, lexicology, morphology, syntax, textual coherence.

Position of the course

This course helps students acquire a more in-depth knowledge of the ancient classical Greek grammar, in particular syntax. In comparison to Language Acquisition I, it proceeds from the level of the word to the level of the sentence and the text. In this course, students acquire reading skills to learn to understand original texts written in classical Greek.

Contents

This course teaches more complex syntactical structures in classical Greek (composite sentences, use of moods and tenses of the verb, idioms, functions of grammatical cases). Students learn techniques to understand authentic texts that are not read before, with the help of signal words and notions of text coherence. This happens inductively on the basis of the reading of a classical text, initially in a class setting, thereafter independently. Writing skills of classical Greek are enhanced by means of the composition of complex sentences. Reading sessions (of the author Lysias) offer a practical application of the grammar and train the students in their reading skills.

Initial competences

To have completed the course "Ancient Greek: language competence I" or to have acquired the necessary skills by other means.

Final competences

1 To gain insight into the syntactical constructions of Classical Greek.
2 To gain insight into the use of verb moods, aspects of tenses and the function of cases in Classical Greek.
3 To know the declensions and conjugations of Classical Greek, including the less common ones.
4 To know an extended vocabulary of Classical Greek, as well as the principles of lexical derivation.
5 To understand the use of signal words and other principles of textual coherence as used in Classical Greek prose.
6 To understand an authentic prose text in Classical Greek that has not been seen before.

7 To adequately use a scientific dictionary when comprehending a hitherto
   unknown text
8 To write Greek sentences independently, making use of the knowledge of
   morphology and syntax, and the extended vocabulary list.

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: response college (verklaring grammatica obv lectuur teksten)
- Independent study (reading and understanding texts and grammar on the basis
  of guiding questions and references)
- Seminar (coached exercises on reading skills)
- Online group work (compose exercise bundles)

Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: Ankura. Basiswoordenlijst Oudgrieks
Indicative price: € 23
Optional: no
Language : Dutch
Author : Toon van Hal
Online Available : No
Available in the Library : No
Available through Student Association : Yes
Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : intensive
Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : intensive
Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : regularly

Type: Handbook

Name: The Cambridge Grammar of Classical Greek
Indicative price: € 43
Optional: no
Language : English
Author : Evert van Emde Boas, Luuk Huitink, Albert Rijksbaron, e.a.
Online Available : No
Available in the Library : Yes
Available through Student Association : Yes
Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : intensive
Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : intensive
Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : intensive

References

None.

Course content-related study coaching

- Feedback on the tests
- Differentiated exercises

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

Skills test, 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

- Skills tests: Regular tests asses the progress of students' knowledge of grammar, with emphasis on reading skills (syntax, textual coherence) in texts both seen and unseen; and the composition of Greek sentences.
- Assignment:
  - solving and composition of a bundle of exercises on the basis of the texts read in the reading sessions
  - pursuing an independent study path online with comprehension of a previously unknown text
- Written exam:
  - questions about grammar, vocabulary, textual coherence and reading skills on the basis of texts read previously in class;
  - questions about grammar, vocabulary, textual coherence and reading skills on the basis of texts not read previously;
  - the composition of Greek sentences.
- A resit is only possible for the skill tests, not for the assignment.

Calculation of the examination mark

Tests: 30%
Assignment: 20%
Written exam: 50%

Facilities for Working Students

Sessions can be recorded on demand. Due to the interactive nature of the sessions and the strict structure of this course (in which one session is based on the knowledge acquired in the previous one), attendance at all sessions is strongly recommended.
Attendance at the skills tests is obligatory. The planning will be communicated before the first session.
There is no alternative moment for the exam.
Feedback on appointment.