

Ancient Greek: Language Proficiency I (A005786)

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

Credits 5.0 **Study time 150 h**

Course offerings in academic year 2026-2027

A (semester 1) Dutch Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

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

Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

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Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Greek)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Greek)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Greek)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject German - Greek)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin - Greek)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in History	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Greek)	5	A
Elective Set The Classical Tradition	5	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Ancient classical Greek, phonology, morphology, syntax.

Position of the course

This course is the basis for the language acquisition of Ancient Greek, which will be further developed in Language Acquisition II. Language teaching starts from zero. The course focuses on the grammar at word-level (morphology), and provides the basis for the syntax on the level of simple sentences.

Contents

This course offers students a thorough insight in ancient classical Greek morphology (including accentuation), vocabulary, pronunciation, and syntax on the level of basic sentences. Students learn both to passively recognize and to actively compose grammatical forms (nouns, verbs). They gain insight in the formation and combinations of stems, endings, and other morphological elements, and the phonological rules that determine the eventual grammatical form. Grammar is to a high degree taught by way of induction, on the basis of (initially modified) original texts. The knowledge of vocabulary and grammar is activated and integrated by means of exercises in Greek composition of sentences (Dutch-Greek).

Initial competences

This course can be followed by students who have not had Greek in secondary education, since the language is being taught from zero. These students, however, have to take into account a steep learning curve.

Final competences

- 1 To identify the morphological forms of the declensions and conjugations of Classical Greek.
- 2 Actively compose the morphological forms of conjugations and declensions of

Classical Greek (for verbs on the basis of the list of main tenses).

- 3 To have insight in the phonological rules that govern the formation and combinations of stem, endings, and other morphological elements
- 4 To have insight into the basic syntax of Classical Greek (functions of cases, syntax of simple sentences).
- 5 To apply the principles of Classical Greek accentuation on every possible sequence of words.
- 6 To have active knowledge of the basic vocabulary of Classical Greek.
- 7 To understand and analyse simple Classical Greek sentences (from texts that have been read in class).
- 8 To compose a simple sentence in Classical Greek, on the basis of the grammar and vocabulary that has been learned.
- 9 Pronounce Classical Greek correctly according to the standard rules of pronunciation.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Seminar, Lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

- Lecture (response lecture with inductive teaching of grammar)
- Seminar (coached exercises)

Study material

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, Matthieu de Bakker

Online Available : Yes

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 : regularly

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 : occasionally

References

Course content-related study coaching

- Differentiated exercises at the seminars
- Regular feedback on the tests
- Self-correcting exercises on digital learning platform
- Feedback after exam

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

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

- Test: Regular tests which assess the progress in knowledge of grammar (morphology, vocabulary, and basic syntax). Tests comprise queries about the passive recognition and active composition of verb and noun forms, and the composition of Greek sentences
- Final exam: contains the same type of exercises as those made during the tests.
- The resit of the skills tests is included in the written exam of the second examination period.

Calculation of the examination mark

Regular tests: 40%

Final exam: 60%

Unmotivated absence at one of the tests leads to the score of zero for that test.

Facilities for Working Students

The courses can be recorded on demand, but due to the interactive nature and the structure of the course (in which one session is always based on the previous one), presence during all sessions is strongly recommended. Presence during the regular tests is obligatory. The precise planning will be communicated before the first session.

There is no alternative moment for the final exam.

Possibility to obtain feedback through appointment.