

Greek 30, Intermediate Ancient Greek

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Hours: MWTh 10-11 & 12-2; F 10-12; by appointment

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Reading Schedule

The intermediate level of Greek is designed to make the transition from textbook grammatical exercises to actual Greek prose, with some appreciation of the latter as literature. The text is Plato's Apology, in the edition of James Helm, available in the bookstore and elsewhere. Since this edition includes an introduction, commentary and vocabulary, no other materials will be required, although it might be good to become familiar with the intermediate LSJ, Smyth's Greek Grammar (or another such text), and/or an English translation of Plato's Apology. [All are available through the library as well.]

The class will be structured around a word-by-word reading of the Greek text, for which you will prepare, accompanied by frequent digressions on related matters of literary criticism, philosophy, history of literature, and the like. Your grade for the course will depend on the following: class participation, mostly translating (25%); in-class exams (40%); a short (5-7 pages) paper on a topic relevant to the course (15%); and a final exam (20%; scheduled by the registrar for **Wednesday, May 7, at 9.15 a.m.**). Although I neither track nor deduct for non-attendance, you cannot expect to skip many classes and maintain a high class participation grade, nor does skulking in the back count for much. While I am, by University standards, neither an easy grader nor a kindly person, my self-image is as a reasonable person. If you experience ANY difficulty or have questions, please come see me. Remember that 1) I have office hours; 2) the University has tutoring available through Student Enrichment Services; and 3) there are probably others in the class who might benefit from review sessions or study groups.

The pace of the course will be initially quite slow, but as you develop vocabulary and familiarity with Plato's style, we will move more quickly. I have tentatively scheduled exams for the week before intersession (**Thursday, February 14**) and **Thursday, March 20**, but these are subject to negotiation. The paper will be due **Thursday, April 17**, which will allow for revision and resubmission.

If you are a student with a documented disability on record at Brandeis University and wish to have a reasonable accommodation made for you in this class, please see me immediately.