

CENTER FOR TALENT DEVELOPMENT – GIFTED LEARNINGLINKS
CLASSICAL GREEK I HONORS

DESCRIPTION

This course is a text-based distance learning course designed to provide access to the classical Greek authors in the original language. Classical Greek I Honors is the first of a sequence in classical Greek offered through the Center for Talent Development.

Beginning with the alphabet, you will learn to build a basic Greek vocabulary, understand grammatical inflection, sentence structure, and terminology, translate Greek sentences, and advance to reading and translation of passages from renowned classical authors such as Sophocles, Plato, Xenophon, Aristotle, and Thucydides.

Mastery of classical Greek leads to improved writing, speech, and analytical skills. Students learn new words, cognates and derivatives, and the logic of language. Translation is one of the better--if not *the* best--means to learning the character and power of the English language.

This course is an honors course and the course text is intensive. The advantage here is just as the text states, "we present the grammar in such a way as to enable students to grasp whole morphological and syntactical systems as soon as possible." Students are then free to apply their knowledge to the reading of original Greek.

TEXT

Hansen & Quinn, *Greek, An Intensive Course*. (2nd Ed. Fordham University Press).

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be met before you can proceed with this course:

Greek Font: Your computer must have a Greek font installed to see and write Greek letters. <http://teknia.com/index.php?page=tekniagreek' target='blank'> (Select -> Open -> Yes -> Next -> Next -> Finish). Don't forget to download and print the keyboard layout: <http://teknia.com/index.php?page=tekniagreek' target='new'>

Audio: Lessons are presented with audio so you may need to obtain a pair of headphones. Test your audio online and contact your teacher if you have difficulty.

Printing: A printer connected to your computer will be a great convenience. Legibility aids the memory.

COURSE PROCEDURE

After you have met the technical requirements, obtained the Greek font, and established contact with your teacher, you may proceed to the course assignments.

Assignments

Each online assignment gives instructions how to proceed through the text. Completed assignments are sent to the teacher, corrected, and then returned by e-mail with instructions for correction or permission to proceed. This is an honors level course and you are expected to spend four to six hours per week for study and translation. At this pace, no week should pass by without some contact with your teacher. If a week passes without contact, this may be a sign that you need assistance. This is a facilitated independent study course, so please don't hesitate to check in. Let me know if you are on vacation.

Midterm exam

When you complete all the assignments through Unit 5 (usually about 4 or 5 months after start the course) you will need to schedule a midterm exam (Units 1-5) with a proctor. A proctor can a librarian, teacher, or school administrator. The exam should be taken at an institution such as a school or library. It will be a closed book exam. More details about the exam will be provided when nearing completion of Unit 5. If you are taking this course at an accelerated rate may need to schedule the midterm within 6 or 7 weeks from the start of the course.

Final exam

A final exam (Units 1-10) is taken after the completion of all assignments.

GRADING

A final grade will be assigned after the completion of assigned work and translations (33%), a midterm exam (33%), and a final exam (33%). The completion and correction of assigned work and translation receives the full value of a third of your grade. Two 100-point exams comprise the remaining two-thirds and is graded according to the following scale:

- A+ 97-100
- A 93-96
- A- 90-92
- B+ 87-89
- B 83-86
- B- 80-82
- C+ 77-79
- C 73-76
- C- 70-72
- D+ 67-79
- D 63-66
- D- 60-62
- F Below 60

If you are having technical difficulty, I can help. If you suspect something is not working right, please let me know. It's easy to e-mail: **xxxxxxxx@gmail.com**. You are welcome to call (**xxx-xxx-xxxx**) Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, and Thu-Mon 7-9 PM. Be sure to write down my e-mail and phone number in case you are unable to get on the computer or into Blackboard when the servers are down

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*Minor adjustments may be made to this procedure to accommodate progress of the course or the contingencies of individual students.