

Erasmus Academy
Modern and Classical Language Instruction

**Intermediate Classical Greek Poetry Online:
Homer & Sophocles**

January 25 – April 26, 2018
Thursdays, 6:00-9:00 pm ET

Purpose

This intermediate classical Greek course is designed for graduate, college and other students or adults desiring to improve their reading and translating skills. The course assumes a full year or 1½ yrs. of college or university instruction in classical Greek. That is, the course assumes that a student has completed the grammar stage of learning the language, has a foundation in Attic prose, and is prepared to read un-adapted texts. This spring semester course would enable a student to progress toward reading more advanced Greek.

This Spring term course aims at equipping a student to become more comfortable with reading Classical Greek poetry, by reading and translating selections from Homer's *Iliad* (books 6 and 22) and Sophocles' *Ajax*. Students will have the opportunity of scanning and reading the verses aloud, identifying issues of grammar & syntax, translating, and commenting on literary or rhetorical features present in the text.

Course Structure

As a distance learning course, students may take this class from any location or from the convenience of their home. They will need to have access to the Internet. The course meets in "real time" and participants are expected to attend all the scheduled sessions. Each student participates fully in each class by listening and speaking, translating and posing questions. Students interact directly with the instructor and the other students, and can be heard at any time during the class. The selections to be read aloud and translated are visible at all times to the students on the screen. The 13-week course meets once a week on Thursdays, 6:00 pm-9:00 pm EST. The class includes 39 hours of instruction. Each 3-hour session includes grammar review where necessary, strategies for analyzing Greek poetic texts, vocabulary & verb study, identifying syntax, and sight-reading. Presuming 3 hours of outside preparation for each hour in class, 12 hours (3 + 9) a week should be available for study.

Performance Evaluation

At the conclusion of the course the instructor will write an extensive performance evaluation of each student based on weekly class participation, translating and analyzing skills, and on a final 30-minute individualized oral examination scheduled outside of regular class time. A letter grade is also assigned. This performance evaluation will be kept on file at the Erasmus Academy and will be forwarded to any college or academic institution upon request by a student. The student may also choose to participate in the class without receiving a written performance evaluation.

Required Books

Selections from Homer's Iliad, edited by Allen Rogers Benner. University of Oklahoma Press, 2001. ISBN 978-0806133638

Sophocles: Ajax, edited by W. Stanford. Bristol Classical Press (Reprint edition), 1991. ISBN: 978-0862920098

Background of Instructor

Mr. Aramis Lopez is a PhD candidate in Classics at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY). His extensive teaching includes serving as an instructor of ancient Greek, from 2012 to the present, in the intensive summer Latin/Greek Institute at the CUNY Graduate Center. From 2014-2017 he has also been the Chair of the Basic Greek program there. During the Fall and Spring terms from 2010 to 2017 Mr. Lopez has served as an Adjunct Lecturer at Hunter College in New York, teaching Homer, Greek & Roman Tragedy, Classical Mythology, Greek Civilization, and Greek & Latin Roots of English. Other language competency includes Latin, Spanish, Catalan, French, German and Sanskrit.

Registration, Course Fee and Refund Policy

The fee for spring semester Intermediate Greek Poetry Online is \$850, payable in full to the Erasmus Academy no later than January 20, 2018. To complete the Enrollment Form (found online, on the website indicated below), please download it, fill out, scan and return it by email attachment. Early application is recommended due to space availability. The maximum number of students in this online course is 20. There is an "Early Bird" registration option; if full payment is made by January 10, 2018, the fee for the course is \$750. There is also scholarship assistance available, to cover a portion of the course tuition. Please see the website below (under the "Intermediate Classical Greek" page) for more information and application. Students may make payments and register online.

Refund Policy: If, after the first two weeks of classes, a student wishes to discontinue the Intermediate Greek Poetry course, a letter to this effect must be received by the Erasmus Academy Office by 4:00pm on Tuesday, February, 6, 2018. Thereupon, a refund of \$775 will be returned to the student (\$675 for Early Bird registrants).

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To inquire about the course, please contact:

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