



**School of Art History, Classics and Religious Studies  
Classics Programme**

**GREE 315: Advanced Greek Literature A  
Trimester 1, 2010**

**Trimester Dates**

Teaching dates: 1 March 2010 to 4 June 2010

Mid-trimester break: 5 April to 18 April 2010

Study week: 7 June to 11 June 2010

Examination/Assessment period: 11 June to 4 July 2010

**Withdrawal Dates**

Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds.aspx>

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**Class Times and Locations** Mon Tues Fri 3-4pm, OK 523

**Course Delivery**

The course will be delivered in a seminar format featuring discussion of text that has been translated prior to class by the students. There will be readings in the secondary literature on occasion. It is essential that students keep up so that they may receive the most benefit from instruction and discussion.

**Communication of Additional Information**

Any additional information (terms lists, changes, unofficial exam results, etc) will be posted on the Departmental notice board on the FIFTH floor of OLD KIRK. A notice giving examination times and places for all courses taught in the Classics will also be posted there when this information is available. The Classics WWW page (<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/classics>) contains useful information on Classics in general.

**Course Content**

This course will read in Greek and discuss excerpts from Plato's *Symposium* and various Greek lyric poets.

**Learning Objectives**

By the end of the course the student should have:

- a. Read a substantial amount of the set texts;
- b. Gained an appreciation of the historical contexts, literary genres, and philosophical background of the texts studied;

- c. Improved their fluency in and understanding of ancient Greek.

### **Expected Workload**

In order to complete the course successfully an average student should expect to spend about 16 hours per week. This includes 3 hours of class time and the balance translating the set texts, reading and preparing the essays and exam.

### **Essential Texts**

Plato, *Symposium* ed. K. Dover (Cambridge University Press)

*Greek Lyric* ed. D. A. Campbell (Duckworth)

For the first two weeks of trimester all undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre foyer, while postgraduate textbooks and student notes will be available from the top floor of vicbooks in the Student Union Building, Kelburn Campus. After week two all undergraduate textbooks will be sold from vicbooks and student notes from the Student Notes Distribution Centre on the ground floor of the Student Union Building.

Customers can order textbooks and student notes online at [www.vicbooks.co.nz](http://www.vicbooks.co.nz) or can email an order or enquiry to [enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz). Books can be couriered to customers or they can be picked up from the shop. Customers will be contacted when they are available.

Opening hours are 8.00 am – 6.00 pm, Monday – Friday during term time (closing at 5.00 pm in the holidays). Phone: 463 5515.

### **Assessment**

Assessment is by internal assessment (40%) and a three-hour final exam (60%).

Assessment is designed to determine students' ability to understand literary Greek and to express coherent, informative, and insightful comments both on specific passages and in the context of the larger work.

- (a) Internal assessment (40%)

**An essay on Greek lyric** of c. 2500 words, due Thursday 1 April (end of week 6)

**An essay on Plato** of c. 2500 words, due Friday 20 August (end of week 9)

Each essay will focus on a passage in the relevant text, which you may choose subject to the approval of the lecturer. You may either do an in-depth text analysis, appropriately researched and referenced, or a more discursive essay about the passage and its relation to the rest of the text. Alternatively, subject to the approval of the lecturer, you may take another approach.

**Final exam (60%) – 3 hours**

Full details on the exam format will be discussed in class. The exam period is Friday 11 June to Saturday 4 July 2010.

### **Penalties**

Extensions must be sought through the instructor prior to the due date of the essay. In the absence of an extension, overdue work will be penalised by 5% per day at the discretion of the instructor. Workload issues don't constitute a compelling reason for the request of an extension.

### **Mandatory Course Requirements**

In order to pass this course a student must submit both essays and attend the exam.

### **Class Representative**

A class representative will be elected in the first class, and that person's name and contact details will be available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students.

### **Academic Integrity and Plagiarism**

Academic integrity means that university staff and students, in their teaching and learning are expected to treat others honestly, fairly and with respect at all times. It is not acceptable to mistreat academic, intellectual or creative work that has been done by other people by representing it as your own original work.

Academic integrity is important because it is the core value on which the University's learning, teaching and research activities are based. Victoria University's reputation for academic integrity adds value to your qualification.

The University defines plagiarism as presenting someone else's work as if it were your own, whether you mean to or not. 'Someone else's work' means anything that is not your own idea. Even if it is presented in your own style, you must acknowledge your sources fully and appropriately. This includes:

- Material from books, journals or any other printed source
- The work of other students or staff
- Information from the internet
- Software programs and other electronic material
- Designs and ideas
- The organisation or structuring of any such material

Find out more about plagiarism, how to avoid it and penalties, on the University's website: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx>

### **GENERAL UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND STATUTES**

Students should familiarise themselves with the University's policies and statutes, particularly the Assessment Statute, the Personal Courses of Study Statute, the Statute on Student Conduct and any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied; see the *Victoria University Calendar* or go to the Academic Policy and Student Policy sections on:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy>

The AVC(Academic) website also provides information for students in a number of areas including Academic Grievances, Student and Staff conduct, Meeting the needs of students with impairments, and student support/VUWSA student advocates. This website can be accessed at:

[http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about\\_victoria/avcacademic/Publications.aspx](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcacademic/Publications.aspx)