



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

**Classics Programme**

**GREE 112**

**Introduction to Greek**

**TRIMESTER 1 2011**

28 February to 2 July 2011

**Trimester dates**

Teaching dates: 28 February to 3 June 2011

Mid-trimester break: 18 April to 1 May 2011

Study week: 6–10 June 2011

Examination/Assessment period: 10 June to 2 July 2011

**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**

9:00-9:50 M, T, Th, F in New Kirk (KK) 202

**Course delivery**

The course will be delivered in a seminar format. The lecturer will make explanations and the students will ask questions and respond to questions from the lecturer. Much time will be given over to consideration of work that was set for homework. It is likely that students will be requested to write on the board(s).

**Communication of additional information**

Any additional information (terms lists, changes, unofficial exam results, etc.) will be posted on the Programme 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.

**Course content**

Greek 112 is an introduction to ancient Greek for beginners, with emphasis on the acquisition of basic reading skills.

**Learning objectives**

Students passing the course should be on the road to reading and understanding simple ancient Greek. Students should be able to translate simple English sentences and questions into Greek ones. Students should also be able to pronounce the language according to the general protocols of Classicists.

### **Expected workload**

While workloads vary according to relative abilities, students should expect to spend 200 hours on this class over the course of the 12 weeks of instruction and the two-week mid-trimester break. As this course is internally assessed, there will be no more hours to put in during the study and exam weeks.

### **Essential text:**

Balme, M G and G Lawall, *Athenaze: An Introduction to Ancient Greek Book 1*; 2nd edition, (Oxford)

All undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre foyer from 7 February to 11 March 2011, 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 of the trimester all undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from vicbooks on Level 3 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 nominated collection points at each campus. 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 requirements**

The assessment is 100% internal.

It consists of 7 pieces of work. Dates, descriptions, and weights follow:

04 March=20-minute quiz	(10%)
11 March=20-minute quiz	(10%)
25 March=20-minute quiz	(10%)
08 April=40-minute midterm test	(20%)
06 May=20-minute quiz	(10%)
20 May=20-minute quiz	(10%)
03 June=50-minute final test	(30%)

These items of assessment are meant to test students' abilities to read and write ancient Greek. Students will also be examined on the morphology of the language, as Greek is a heavily inflected language.

Students who attend class will know what to expect on these various items of assessment. These items of assessment will reflect the homework and what has gone on in class.

**If it emerges that not enough students are doing the homework, I reserve the right as the lecturer to change the terms of assessment to assign 5% to homework completion. This five percent will be found by taking 1% off each assessment item starting with 25 March and going forward in time.**

### **Penalties**

Students who miss an item of assessment without a compelling and documented excuse will receive a zero for that item.

### **Mandatory course requirements**

There are no mandatory requirements.

### **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.

### **Statement on legibility (IMPORTANT!)**

Students are expected to write clearly. Where work is deemed 'illegible', the options are:

- the student will be given a photocopy of the work and asked to transcribe it to an acceptable standard (preferably typed) within a specified time frame after which penalties will apply;
- the student will be given a photocopy of the work and asked to transcribe it to an acceptable standard (preferably typed) and lateness penalties apply;
- if the student does not transcribe it to an acceptable standard, the work will be accepted as 'received' (so any associated mandatory course requirements are met) but not marked.

### **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>

### **WHERE TO FIND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION**

*The following text must be included in all course outlines.*

Find key dates, explanations of grades and other useful information at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study). Find out how academic progress is monitored and how enrolment can be restricted at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress). Most statutes and policies are available at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy), except qualification statutes, which are available via the *Calendar* webpage at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/calendar.aspx](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/calendar.aspx) (See Section C).

Other useful information for students may be found at the website of the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Academic), at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about\\_victoria/avcacademic](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcacademic).