Greek

The Department of Classics offers course work in the language, history, literature, archaeology and culture of the ancient Greek world. At the heart of these courses are classes in the Greek language. Students of beginning Greek master the grammar in two semesters and go on immediately, starting in the third semester, to read Plato and Homer. Thereafter, students have the opportunity to study numerous Greek authors, including the great tragedians, the historians Herodotus and Thucydides, and the New Testament, as well as ancient inscriptions. We maintain a strong program in Greek, from the textbook to graduate seminars, where our most advanced undergraduates are often working alongside graduate students in our vigorous and growing graduate program; they also have the opportunity to do their own research or to assist with faculty members' research projects. It is a remarkable and dynamic environment that students find both rewarding and stimulating.

Resources on campus that support the study of ancient Greek include collections of Greek papyri and art and the Wulfing Coin Collection, one of the largest collections of ancient coins owned by an American university. The Department of Classics also offers a variety of courses in Greek history, literature, archaeology and culture, addressed both to the general undergraduate population and to those pursuing majors and minors within the department.

Additional Information

Study Abroad: Washington University is associated with both the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies and the College Year in Athens.

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Faculty

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Majors

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Courses

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This course will focus on Aeschylus' Seven Against Thebes and on Prometheus Bound; in addition, we will look at a few fragmentary plays. Readings will include relevant secondary literature.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, LCD, LS Arch: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L09 Greek 424 Aristophanes
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, LCD, LS Art: HUM

L09 Greek 430 Herodotus
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, LCD, LS Art: HUM

L09 Greek 431 Thucydides
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM

L09 Greek 432 The Attic Orators
More than mere prose, Attic oratory consists of a rich body of literature in which style was paramount to its persuasive aims, and provides vital evidence for Athenian culture, politics, mores, institutions, thought and history. This course will survey a representative — and important — sample of forensic, epideictic, and symbouleutic speeches from classical Athenian oratory, and will give special attention to the social, legal and political context of these speeches. In addition, the class will focus on improving students' command of syntax, vocabulary and idiom as the basis for further development as well as the study of different orators and their style.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, LCD, LS EN: H

L09 Greek 435 Classical Historical Prose
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM

L09 Greek 436 Attic Prose of the 4th Century BC
Selected texts of Attic orators Xenophon, Plato or Aristotle; specific readings for each semester in course listings. May be repeated for credit for study of a different author or text.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM Art: HUM

L09 Greek 437 Topics in Greek Poetry
Reading in Greek and discussion of one or more texts by one or more ancien Greek poets. May be repeated for credit for study of different texts.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, LCD, LS Art: HUM EN: H

L09 Greek 438W Topics in Greek Literature
Advanced Greek seminars with enhanced writing requirements may be taken under this designation as writing-intensive courses. Required: permission of instructor.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM

L09 Greek 439 The Greek Novel
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, LCD EN: H

L09 Greek 440 Lucian
Lucian's True Histories is neither true, nor a history, but it is often called the first science fiction novel. Lucian's voice is one of the most distinctive in antiquity: wry, sarcastic, and too clever by half. He feels distinctly modern but is steeped in the literary tradition before him. In this class, we will read his True Histories and several other of his works, with a focus on his questions about truth and fiction, and his engagement with other genres of
writing, including historiography, epic, philosophy and rhetoric. We also read about the first journey to the moon.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, LCD EN: H

L09 Greek 451 Plato
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

L09 Greek 497 Study for Honors
Students interested in pursuing honors should consult the director of undergraduate studies in the Department of Classics.
Prerequisite: overall GPA of 3.65.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

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Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM EN: H