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Dept of Ancient History

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General Information

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Credit points
3

Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
The main aim of this unit is to teach students to read documents in Ancient Greek. This is an introductory unit and no previous knowledge of Ancient Greek is expected, nor is familiarity with the rudiments of English grammar essential (although this is helpful). By the end of the unit students should be able to read simple passages in Greek; should have a sound knowledge of the vocabulary of the texts studied; and should have acquired sufficient mastery of their grammar and vocabulary to understand the texts at the level of word and phrase. A second semester of study is required before students are able to read original Greek documents with any degree of fluency.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

Learning Outcomes
1. Knowledge: a) Recognize and recall Greek script and phonetic structure; b) Identify and recall Greek grammatical structures at elementary level; c) Recognize and memorize foundational Greek vocabulary.
2. Skills: a) Assess the grammar required for the translation of simple Greek texts; b) Explore relevant grammatical and lexical reference tools; c) Recognize and recall linguistic metalanguage.
3. Application: a) Integrate knowledge of grammar and vocabulary in reading and/or writing simple Greek texts; b) Explore the significance of Greek for the study of relevant ancient
cultures.

### Assessment Tasks

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**Vocabulary Tests**

Due: **Final week of session**  
Weighting: **10%**

Short quizzes on the vocabulary covered in the course, set chapter by chapter. There are some short questions on grammar too. The quizzes may be attempted at any time before they close: Friday of week 13 at 9pm. It will not be possible to attempt them after that time.

The quizzes are attempted online. Click on the Quizzes link in the blue Activities box to find them. Please note: you are only allowed one attempt at each quiz.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- Knowledge: a) Recognize and recall Greek script and phonetic structure; b) Identify and recall Greek grammatical structures at elementary level; c) Recognize and memorize foundational Greek vocabulary.

**Translation Exercises**

Due: **Weekly: Friday 9pm**  
Weighting: **40%**

Weekly exercises to practise vocabulary, grammar and syntax knowledge. The exercises come from the unit textbook. There is a separate schedule of the exercises for assessment on the unit's website. Some require translation from Ancient Greek, some into Ancient Greek.

You do not need to submit all the exercises in the textbook--just the ones listed in the assessment schedule.

**Assignment submission**

Weekly assignments are submitted by uploading your document (eg .doc or pdf) to iLearn. For instructions on how to do this, see below:

[Learn Assignment Upload Procedure](https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/47600/unit_guide/print)

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• Application: a) Integrate knowledge of grammar and vocabulary in reading and/or writing simple Greek texts; b) Explore the significance of Greek for the study of relevant ancient cultures.

Examination
Due: MQ Exam period
Weighting: 50%

This will examine knowledge of grammar, syntax and vocabulary.

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Delivery and Resources

Delivery: Internal (Day) and External. This unit will use live lectures, ECHO recordings, ilearn website and Blackboard Collaborate (live web-class).

Lectures: Please see the Timetable for the scheduled classes. All lectures are recorded by the ECHO system and by the Blackboard Collaborate System.

Ilearn: The unit's webpage may be accessed at http://ilearn.mq.edu.au/

Technologies required: PC and Internet access are required. Basic computer skills (eg internet
browsing, uploading documents) and word processing skills are expected.

**Blackboard Collaborate:**
This provides a live web link to the lectures. Students who are not in class are able to interact with the lecturer and class live via the internet. Students may participate, for example, by listening, speaking, watching texts being written and edited live, participating through a 'chat' function, editing texts (eg to answer questions. See a separate document on the unit webpage for the Scribblar link. These sessions are recorded so they may be played back.

**Textbook:**
This unit uses a textbook which is essential for classwork and weekly exercises.

- *An Introduction to Ancient Greek: A Literary Approach*
- C.A.E. Luschnig, revised by C.A.E. Luschnig & Deborah Mitchell

This is available from the Co-op Bookshop. Please note that the second edition is substantially different from the first edition.

**Changes to previous versions of this unit guide.**
The learning outcomes have been modified since the last offering of the unit.

**Unit Schedule**
Please see separate document on the unit's website for a schedule of the topics to be covered each week.

**Learning and Teaching Activities**

**Lectures**
Introduction and discussion of Greek grammar and syntax. Discussion of grammatical examples from the textbook and Ancient Greek texts. Answering questions relevant to the topics covered.

**Weekly Exercises**
Written exercises from the textbook: some from Ancient Greek into English, some from English into Ancient Greek. Tests working knowledge of grammar, syntax and vocabulary.

**Vocabulary**
Short online quizzes set to encourage familiarization with Ancient Greek vocabulary. These will nevertheless be open book.
Examination
This will include written exercises from the textbook: some from Ancient Greek into English, some from English into Ancient Greek. Also tests working knowledge of grammar, syntax and vocabulary.

Online discussion
The opportunity to discuss texts and grammar studied in the course with other students and the unit coordinator.

Policies and Procedures
Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central. Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy  http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html
Disruption to Studies Policy  http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct
Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Results
Results shown in iLearn, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

Due Date & Time for Assessments: All assessments must be submitted by the due date and time.

Extensions for assignments can only be granted for medical reasons or on compassionate grounds. Without documentation (medical or counselling certificates) or prior staff approval, a penalty of 2% a day, including weekends, will be applied. If required (and where possible) applications for extensions should be made before the assignment’s due date.
The online quizzes must be completed by 9pm on the Friday of week 13. No extensions for the quizzes are possible. Do not leave the quizzes to the end of semester. I strongly advise you to complete them as we progress through the course.

University Grading Policy


The grade a student receives will signify their overall performance in meeting the learning outcomes of a unit of study. Grades will not be awarded by reference to the achievement of other students nor allocated to fit a predetermined distribution. In determining a grade, due weight will be given to the learning outcomes and level of a unit (ie 100, 200, 300, 800 etc). Graded units will use the following grades:

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A student is required to achieve an overall mark of 50% or above to complete the unit satisfactorily.

Procedure on Individual Assessment Grade Review, Unit Grade Review, Appeals Against Grades and Special Circumstances can be found at http://www.mq.edu.au/courses/open_universities_australia/download_forms/.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
- Ask a Learning Adviser
Graduate Capabilities

Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Skills: a) Assess the grammar required for the translation of simple Greek texts; b) Explore relevant grammatical and lexical reference tools; c) Recognize and recall linguistic metalanguage.

Assessment tasks

- Translation Exercises
- Examination

Learning and teaching activities

- Introduction and discussion of Greek grammar and syntax. Discussion of grammatical examples from the textbook and Ancient Greek texts. Answering questions relevant to the topics covered.
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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

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Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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**Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills**

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's
historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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**Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible**

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

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**Commitment to Continuous Learning**

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue
knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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