



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF ART HISTORY, CLASSICS, AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

CLASSICS PROGRAMME GREE 403/GREEK VERSE TEXTS 30 POINTS

TRIMESTERS 1 and 2, 2014

Important dates

Trimester dates: 3 March to 16 November 2014

Teaching dates: 3 March to 17 October 2014

Easter/Mid-trimester break: 18 April to 4 May 2014

Mid-year break: 3–13 July 2014

Mid-trimester break: 25 August to 7 September 2014

Study week: 20–24 October 2014

Examination/Assessment Period: 24 October to 15 November 2014

Note: students who enrol in courses with examinations must be able to attend an examination at the University at any time during the scheduled examination period.

Withdrawal dates: Refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds. If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats.

Class times and locations

TBA.

Names and contact details

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Communication of additional information

Changes and general information will be announced in class; via Classics notice boards in Old Kirk level 5, opposite rooms OK 504 and 505, and by email if necessary. Emergency changes and course information will be posted on the Classics notice boards, at the lecture room door when necessary and by email if needed. Final examination timetables will be available to students when posted by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and Victoria University. It is the student's responsibility to obtain such information and to respond appropriately.

Prescription

This course will examine selected Greek Verse Texts.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

- 1) have read a substantial amount of the set texts;
- 2) have improved their fluency and speed in reading Ancient Greek;
- 3) be able to think critically about the main themes of the texts;
- 4) be able to demonstrate an understanding of the place that the texts hold in the development of Greek poetry;
- 5) have increased their knowledge of the Greek language.

Teaching format

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.

Mandatory course requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of 50%, students must meet the mandatory requirements for this course: a student must submit the essay and sit the test and the final examination.

Workload

In order to complete the course successfully, an 'average' student should expect to spend an average of about 10 hours per week on it, i.e. 2-3 class hours, and the remainder for preparation and study. By the end of this one year, the student should have spent 300 hours on this course. Note that this is a rough guideline only and that the calculation includes breaks, study week, and exam period. Some people might have to put in more time, others less.

Assessment

Assessment (Out of 100%)

Translation/Grammar Test (20%)

A one hour test to be given at some point in June; date to be finalised in discussion with the class during week 1.

The precise form of the test as well as its date will be discussed early in trimester one.

Essay (30%)

An essay whose subject is to be determined in conjunction with the course instructors based on one of the three authors (ca. 2000 words in length).

DUE DATE: 28 September, 2014

Final Examination (50%) – 3 hours

The exam will cover the two authors not covered in the test.

5 passages (2 from one author, 3 from the other) from a choice of 8 from the two authors for translation and comment.

Assessment items and workload per item		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	Test [52 hours]	20%	1, 2, 5	June
2	Essay [78 hours]	30%	1, 3, 4	28/09
3	Final Examination [130 hours] (Examination Period: 24 October to 15 November 2014)	50%	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	TBD

Submission and return of work

Essays will be submitted in hard copy to the box in front of OK 508. They will be returned in hardcopy. The test, taken in June, will be returned by early July.

Extensions and penalties

Late work will more than likely be penalized 2% per day it is late. Work that is excessive in length is liable to incur this penalty also. Students wishing to avoid penalties for late work will have to present documentation and are best advised to make arrangements before hand (if at all possible). If a student submits late work, they can anticipate considerable delays in having their work returned to them and they are also liable to receive minimal comment. The final due date for all work exclusive of the final examination is 17 October, 2014.

Set texts

Sophocles, *Antigone*. (Griffiths, Cambridge)

Homer, *Iliad 6* (Graziosi/Haubold, Cambridge)

There will be a third text which will be determined later in the year and which will probably be taught in the second half of the year.

Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course. Students may like to write the Class Rep's name and details in this box:

Class Rep name and contact details:

Student feedback

Enhancements made to this course, based on the feedback of previous students, will be covered during the course.

Student feedback on University courses may be found at www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library/resources/subjectcontacts.html>
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz