

Greek 3398: Classical Greek Poetry and Prose  
Fall 2009  
Thursdays, 2:30-5:30



In this course you will become more fluent in reading unadapted works of Greek literature in ancient Greek. At this level it is recommended that you purchase, if you haven't already, a Greek-English Lexicon (e.g. "middle" Liddell and Scott) and a handbook of Greek verbs. (I recommend, if you can find it, N. Marinone & F. Guala, *Complete Handbook of Greek Verbs*.)

**Texts to be read:** *A Greek Anthology* (Cambridge, 2002). This text contains selections from the major Greek authors from Homer down to the New Testament. Also recommended: *Ancient Greece: A Political, Social and Cultural History*, ed. by Sarah B. Pomeroy, Stanley M. Burstein, Walter Donlan, and Jennifer Tolbert Roberts. Oxford, 2007.

**Expectations:** It is expected that you will attend class every week and that you will be prepared to translate the agreed upon text for that week. It is uncollegial in a class of this nature to come unprepared, as everyone will be expected to participate to every week. At this level I will not allow you to "pass." It is better to come to class unprepared than not at all; I will allow you to translate at sight should this occur. But because translating at sight significantly slows down the class, this option should only be taken advantage of as a last resort.

**Course requirements and grades:** Participation in weekly translation and discussion sessions accounts for 50% of your grade; midterm exam 25%; take-home final exam 25%. Please note that **attendance is mandatory**. Absences will count against your final grade.

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## Schedule:

Week 1 Overview, Introduction

Weeks 2 Herodotus, *The Histories* on the battle of Salamis

Week 3 Aeschylus, *Persians* on the battle of Salamis

Week 4 Sophocles, *Antigone*

Week 5 Euripides, *Alcestis*

Week 6 Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War* on the revolt of Mytilene

Week 7 Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War* on the revolt of Mytilene (cont.)

### **Week 8 (10/15) Exam I**

Week 9 Euripides, *Bacchae*

Week 10 Aristophanes, *Frogs*

Week 11 Aristotle, *Poetics*

Week 12 Plato, *Apology* of Socrates

Week 13 Demosthenes, *On the Crown*

Week 14 THANKSGIVING (no class meeting)

Week 15 Menander and New Testament