

Ancient Greek

The Centre for Classics and Archaeology offers a full stream of study in the ancient languages Ancient Greek and Latin, see page 1. Proficiency in both of these languages at the earliest possible stage is highly recommended for those wishing to specialise in the study of the ancient Graeco-Roman world. The ancient languages are thus a fundamental part of the major and the honours programs in Classics and in Classical Studies and Archaeology, see page 1. Both languages are available as streamed programs of study that can be commenced from first/second year. These can commence either at beginners level or the post-VCE stream. The centre also offers a Diploma in Arts (Ancient Languages), which runs concurrently with the arts degree, see page 1.

Time commitment to study

As well as scheduled contact hours for lectures, tutorial and seminars a considerable additional time commitment is needed to complete the academic requirements of each subject.

A subject-specific time commitment to study will be provided by your lecturer or tutor at the beginning of semester to help you schedule your workload and successfully manage your time during the semester. In addition, general estimates of the total time commitment required to study a 12.5-point single semester subject in the Faculty of Arts can be found on page 1.

Language study streams

The centre offers two streams of Ancient Greek:

Beginners

The beginners stream is available to students who have little or no knowledge of Ancient Greek. It is available to students at any year level, excluding fourth-year honours, although students intending to study Ancient Greek are advised to commence their language study in their first year.

Post-VCE

The post-VCE stream is usually only available to students who have obtained a pass in VCE Ancient Greek, or its approved equivalent.

Students should note that an intermediate sub-stream of Ancient Greek is offered within both the beginners and post-VCE streams. The intermediate sub-stream is offered in alternate years.

The structure of the Ancient Greek streams usually takes the following forms:

Stream	Sem.
Beginners stream	
First year	
107-150 Beginners Ancient Greek A (p.1)	1
107-151 Beginners Ancient Greek B (p.2)	2
Second year	
107-250 Intermediate Ancient Greek A (p.2)	N/A
107-251 Intermediate Ancient Greek B (p.2)	N/A
<i>or</i>	
107-252 Intermediate Ancient Greek C (p.2)	1
107-253 Intermediate Ancient Greek D (p.2)	2
Third year	
107-252 Intermediate Ancient Greek C (p.2)	1
107-253 Intermediate Ancient Greek D (p.2)	2
<i>or</i>	
107-250 Intermediate Ancient Greek A (p.2)	N/A
107-251 Intermediate Ancient Greek B (p.2)	N/A
Post-VCE stream	
First year	
107-250 Intermediate Ancient Greek A (p.2)	N/A
107-251 Intermediate Ancient Greek B (p.2)	N/A
<i>or</i>	
107-252 Intermediate Ancient Greek C (p.2)	1
107-253 Intermediate Ancient Greek D (p.2)	2
Second year	
107-252 Intermediate Ancient Greek C (p.2)	1
107-253 Intermediate Ancient Greek D (p.2)	2
<i>or</i>	
107-250 Intermediate Ancient Greek A (p.2)	N/A
107-251 Intermediate Ancient Greek B (p.2)	N/A
Third year	
107-480 Advanced Ancient Greek A (p.2)	N/A
107-481 Advanced Ancient Greek B (p.2)	N/A
<i>or</i>	
107-482 Advanced Ancient Greek C (p.2)	1
107-483 Advanced Ancient Greek D (p.3)	2

Requirements for a major

For details about a major in classics or classical studies and archaeology see *Requirements for a major (p.1)*.

Diploma in Arts (Ancient Languages)

The Diploma in Arts (Ancient Languages) is only available to students who are currently enrolled in a degree course at the University of Melbourne. It consists of a four-year sequence of study, and adds one year to the duration of your degree. You will complete 25 points in each of the four years that you are enrolled:

Stream	Points
Beginners stream	
First year	
107-150 Beginners Ancient Greek A (p.1)	12.5
107-151 Beginners Ancient Greek B (p.2)	12.5
Second year	
107-250 Intermediate Ancient Greek A (p.2)	12.5
107-251 Intermediate Ancient Greek B (p.2)	12.5
Third year	
107-252 Intermediate Ancient Greek C (p.2)	12.5
107-253 Intermediate Ancient Greek D (p.2)	12.5
Fourth year	
107-480 Advanced Ancient Greek A (p.2)	12.5
107-481 Advanced Ancient Greek B (p.2)	12.5
Post-VCE stream	
First year	
107-250 Intermediate Ancient Greek A (p.2)	12.5
107-251 Intermediate Ancient Greek B (p.2)	12.5
Second year	
107-252 Intermediate Ancient Greek C (p.2)	12.5
107-253 Intermediate Ancient Greek D (p.2)	12.5
Third year	
107-480 Advanced Ancient Greek A (p.2)	12.5
107-481 Advanced Ancient Greek B (p.2)	12.5
Fourth year	
107-482 Advanced Ancient Greek C (p.2)	12.5
107-483 Advanced Ancient Greek D (p.3)	12.5

For more information on the Diploma in Arts see page 15.

Honours entry

For details about entry to Honours in Classics or Classical Studies and Archaeology see *Honours entry (p.1)*.

Career opportunities

Prospective employers of arts graduates are often aware of the benefits derived from rigorous study of the ancient world and its texts and intellectual traditions. This means that the studies offered by the centre are of general relevance.

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Language subjects

107-150 Beginners Ancient Greek A

Availability: 1st, 2nd and 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr K O Chong-Gossard

Contact: Three hours of lectures and a 1-hour tutorial per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject teaches students to read Ancient Greek. It covers word formation, grammatical concepts, sentence formation and translation, and the reading of simple texts. Students are introduced to Ancient Greek of various styles, media and periods. The aim is for students to acquire the elements of the grammar, syntax and vocabulary of Ancient Greek, and attain reading skills, sufficient to begin reading literary and non-literary texts.

Assessment: Short tests in lectures 10%, weekly grammar exercises 25%, a 1-hour assessment test 25% (due mid-semester), a 1-hour examination 30% (due at the end of semester) and tutorial participation 10%. Hurdle requirements: students must attend 75% of tutorials and complete the assessment test and final exam in order to be eligible for final assessment.

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available.

107-151 Beginners Ancient Greek B

Availability: 1st, 2nd and 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr K O Chong-Gossard

Prerequisites: 107-150 Beginners Ancient Greek A (*p.1*) or an approved equivalent.

Contact: Three hours of lectures and a 1-hour tutorial per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: In this subject students revise the basic elements covered in Semester 1, and are introduced to more complex grammar and syntax, as well as some of the issues involved in interpreting an ancient language. Increasingly difficult texts are read from a variety of sources. By the end of the subject students should have a sufficient grasp of the language to read texts of moderate difficulty with vocabulary assistance.

Assessment: Short tests in lectures 10%, weekly grammar exercises 25%, a 1-hour assessment test 25% (due mid-semester), a 1-hour examination 30% (due at the end of semester) and tutorial participation 10%. Hurdle requirements: students must attend 75% of tutorials and complete the assessment test and final exam in order to be eligible for final assessment.

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available.

Ancient Greek subjects

107-250 Intermediate Ancient Greek A

Availability: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Prerequisites: VCE Ancient Greek, 107-151 Beginners Ancient Greek B (*p.2*) or an approved equivalent.

Semester: Not Offered

Description: This subject involves the reading of literary and non-literary texts; further work on grammar and syntax; translation exercises; and Ancient Greek literary criticism. Students should complete the subject having read a number of Ancient Greek texts in the original; consolidated their knowledge of grammar and syntax; and extended their vocabulary through texts in a variety of styles and genres.

107-251 Intermediate Ancient Greek B

Availability: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Prerequisites: VCE Ancient Greek, 107-151 Beginners Ancient Greek B (*p.2*) or an approved equivalent.

Semester: Not Offered

Description: This subject involves the reading of literary texts; further work on grammar and syntax; translation exercises; and Ancient Greek literary criticism. On completion of the subject students should have read a number of Ancient Greek texts in the original and consolidated their knowledge of grammar and syntax.

107-252 Intermediate Ancient Greek C

Availability: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr K O Chong-Gossard

Prerequisites: VCE Ancient Greek, 107-151 Beginners Ancient Greek B (*p.2*) or an approved equivalent.

Contact: Three hours of lectures and a 1-hour tutorial per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: In this subject students translate and discuss the interpretation of selected works of Plato the famous pupil of Socrates. In the classes further work is undertaken on grammar and syntax which revises and consolidates the beginners course. Students will also undertake work in Ancient Greek literary and textual criticism. On completion of this subject students should have consolidated their skills in working with Ancient Greek texts and have discovered some of the many important contributions which reading original texts can make to understanding the ancient world.

Assessment: For 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students: Weekly translations tests, equivalent to 750 words 10% (held each week throughout the semester), weekly tutorial exercises, equivalent to 1250 words 25% (due each week throughout the semester), a 1-hour assessment test, equivalent to 1000 words 25% (held in the middle of the semester), a 1-hour examination, equivalent to 1000 words 30% (held during the examination period), and tutorial participa-

tion 10% (assessed throughout the semester). 4th year students will complete an additional research task of 1000 words 20% (due during the examination period), with a reduction of the weightings of the above assessment tasks. Hurdle requirements: In order to be eligible for final assessment students *at all levels* must attend 75% of tutorials and complete the assessment test and all examination.

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available.

107-253 Intermediate Ancient Greek D

Availability: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr K O Chong-Gossard

Prerequisites: VCE Ancient Greek, 107-151 Beginners Ancient Greek B (*p.2*) or an approved equivalent.

Contact: Three hours of lectures and a 1-hour tutorial per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: In this subject students translate and discuss the interpretation of Sophocles' *Oedipus the King*. In the classes further work is undertaken on grammar and syntax which revises and consolidates the beginners course. Students will also undertake work in Ancient Greek literary and textual criticism. On completion of this subject students should have consolidated their skills in working with Ancient Greek texts and have discovered some of the many important contributions which reading original texts can make to understanding the ancient world.

Assessment: For 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students: Weekly translations tests, equivalent to 750 words 10% (held each week throughout the semester), weekly tutorial exercises, equivalent to 1250 words 25% (due each week throughout the semester), a 1-hour assessment test, equivalent to 1000 words 25% (held in the middle of the semester), a 1-hour examination, equivalent to 1000 words 30% (held during the examination period), and tutorial participation 10% (assessed throughout the semester). Hurdle requirements: in order to be eligible for final assessment, students must attend 75% of tutorials and complete the assessment test and examination. 4th year students will complete an additional research task of 1000 words 20% (due during the examination period), with a reduction of the weightings of the above assessment tasks. Hurdle requirements: In order to be eligible for final assessment students *at all levels* must attend 75% of tutorials and complete the assessment test and all examination.

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available.

107-480 Advanced Ancient Greek A

Note: Formerly available as 107-350. Students who have completed 107-350 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Prerequisites: 107-250 Intermediate Ancient Greek A (*p.2*), 107-480 Advanced Ancient Greek A (*p.2*), 107-252 Intermediate Ancient Greek C (*p.2*) and 107-253 Intermediate Ancient Greek D (*p.2*), or an approved equivalent, or admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in classics.

Semester: Not Offered

Description: This subject consists of reading and discussion of literary and non-literary texts and advanced linguistic topics. Students should have read a number of Ancient Greek texts in the original, consolidating their knowledge of grammar and syntax and extending their vocabulary. Students should also have encountered a range of textual styles and genres, both literary and non-literary.

107-481 Advanced Ancient Greek B

Note: Formerly available as 107-351. Students who have completed 107-351 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Prerequisites: 107-250 Intermediate Ancient Greek A (*p.2*), 107-480 Advanced Ancient Greek A (*p.2*), 107-252 Intermediate Ancient Greek C (*p.2*) and 107-253 Intermediate Ancient Greek D (*p.2*), or an approved equivalent, or admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in classics.

Semester: Not Offered

Description: This subject involves reading and discussion of literary and non-literary texts; and advanced linguistic topics. On completion of the subject students should have read a number of Ancient Greek texts in the original, consolidating their knowledge of grammar and syntax and extending their vocabulary.

107-482 Advanced Ancient Greek C

Note: Formerly available as 107-352. Students who have completed 107-352 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Assoc Prof C Mackie

Prerequisites: 107-250 Intermediate Ancient Greek A (*p.2*), 107-251 Intermediate Ancient Greek B (*p.2*), 107-252 Intermediate Ancient Greek C (*p.2*) and 107-253 Intermediate Ancient Greek D (*p.2*), or an approved equivalent, or admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in classics.

Contact: Three hours per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject is designed to provide the opportunity for extensive reading and class discussion of Ancient Greek literary and non-literary texts. The focus is on reading various complete texts, rather than extracts, to facilitate engagement of linguistic and hermeneutical study in a fully integrated fashion.

Assessment: For 3rd year students: A 1-hour in-class test, equivalent to 1000 words 20% (held in the middle of the semester), a second in-class test, equivalent to 1000 words 30% (held at the end of semester), and a 2-hour examination, equivalent to 2000 words 50% (held during the examination period). For 4th year students: A 1-hour in-class test, equivalent to 1000 words 20% (held in the middle of the semester), a second in-class test, equivalent to 1000 words 20% (held at the end of semester), a research assessment task of 1000 words 20% (due during the examination period), and a 2-hour examination, equivalent to 2000 words 40% (held during the examination period).

107-483 Advanced Ancient Greek D

Note: Formerly available as 107-353. Students who have completed 107-353 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Assoc Prof C Mackie

Prerequisites: 107-250 Intermediate Ancient Greek A (*p.2*), 107-251 Intermediate Ancient Greek B (*p.2*), 107-252 Intermediate Ancient Greek C (*p.2*) and 107-253 Intermediate Ancient Greek D (*p.2*), or an approved equivalent, or admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in classics.

Contact: Three hours per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject is designed to provide the opportunity for extensive reading and class discussion of Ancient Greek literary and non-literary texts. The focus is on reading various complete texts, rather than extracts, to facilitate engagement of linguistic and hermeneutical study in a fully integrated fashion.

Assessment: For 3rd year students: A 1-hour in-class test, equivalent to 1000 words 20% (held in the middle of the semester), a second in-class test, equivalent to 1000 words 30% (held at the end of semester), and a 2-hour examination, equivalent to 2000 words 50% (held during the examination period). For 4th year students: A 1-hour in-class test, equivalent to 1000 words 20% (held in the middle of the semester), a second in-class test, equivalent to 1000 words 20% (held at the end of semester), a research assessment task of 1000 words 20% (due during the examination period), and a 2-hour examination, equivalent to 2000 words 40% (held during the examination period).

