

Erasmus Academy
Modern and Classical Language Instruction

**Intermediate Classical Greek Poetry Online:
Euripides' *Hecuba***

January 24 – April 25, 2019
Thursdays, 6:15-9:15 pm EST

Purpose

This intermediate classical Greek course is designed for graduate, college and other students or adults desiring to improve their reading and translating skills. The course assumes a full year or 1½ yrs. of college or university instruction in classical Greek. That is, the course assumes that a student has completed the grammar stage of learning the language, has a foundation in Attic prose, and is prepared to read un-adapted texts. This course would enable a student to progress toward reading more advanced Greek.

This Spring term course aims at equipping a student to become more comfortable with reading Classical Greek poetry, by reading, translating, and discussing aspects of Euripides' *Hecuba*. Students will have the opportunity of scanning and reading the verses aloud, identifying issues of grammar, translating, and commenting on literary or rhetorical features present in the text.

Course Structure

As a distance learning course, students may take this class from any location or from the convenience of their home. They will need to have access to the Internet. The course meets in "real time" and participants are expected to attend all the scheduled sessions. Each student participates fully in each class by listening and speaking, translating and posing questions. Students interact directly with the instructor and the other students, and can be heard at all times during the class. The selections to be read aloud and translated are visible at all times to the students on their monitor. The 13-week course meets once a week on Thursdays, 6:15 pm-9:15 pm EST. The class includes 39 hours of instruction. Each 3-hour session includes grammar review where necessary, strategies for analyzing Greek poetic texts, vocabulary & verb study, and identifying syntax. Presuming 3 hours of outside preparation for each hour in class, 12 hours (3 + 9) a week should be available for study.

Performance Evaluation

At the conclusion of the course, the instructor will write an extensive performance evaluation of each student based on class participation, translating and analyzing skills in class, and on a final 30-minute oral examination scheduled outside of regular class time. A final letter grade will be included in the evaluation. This performance evaluation will be kept on file at the Erasmus Academy and will be forwarded to any college or academic institution upon request by a student. At the discretion of the instructor, a student may request to participate in the course as an auditor.

Required Book

Euripides: Hecuba: Introduction, Text, and Commentary, by Justina Gregory, Oxford University Press, 1999. ISBN: 9780788506116

Background of Instructor

Mr. Aramis Lopez is a PhD candidate in Classics at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY). His extensive teaching includes serving as an instructor of ancient Greek, from 2012 to the present, in the intensive summer Latin/Greek Institute at the CUNY Graduate Center. From 2014-2018 he has also been the Chair of the Basic Greek program there. During the Fall and Spring terms from 2010 to 2017 Mr. Lopez served as an Adjunct Lecturer at Hunter College in New York, teaching Homer, Greek Tragedy, Classical Mythology, Greek Civilization, and Greek & Latin Roots of English. He has also taught three intermediate Greek courses online with the Erasmus Academy: Attic Prose of Plato (*Apology of Socrates*) & Lysias, Fall '17; Greek Poetry of Homer (*Iliad*, Books 6 & 22) and Sophocles (*Ajax*), Spring '18; and Readings from Herodotus, Fall '18. Mr. Lopez's other language competency includes Latin, Spanish, Catalan, French, and German.

Registration, Course Fee and Refund Policy

The fee for spring semester Intermediate Greek Poetry Online is \$850, payable in full to the Erasmus Academy NY no later than January 15, 2019. To reserve a place in the course, an enrollment form and a non-refundable deposit of \$75 must be submitted to the Admissions Office of the Erasmus Academy NY anytime between Nov. 1, 2018 and January 15, 2019. Early application is recommended due to space availability. The maximum number of students in this online course is 20. There are "Early Bird" registration options: if full payment is made by December 20, 2018, the fee for the course is \$750. If full payment is made by Jan. 10, 2019, the course fee is \$800. Thereafter the regular course fee of \$850 applies. Students may make payments and register online, at the website below. To complete the Enrollment Form, please download it, fill out, scan and return it by email attachment.

If, after the first two weeks of classes, a student wishes to discontinue the Intermediate Greek Poetry course, a letter to this effect must be received by the Erasmus Academy Office by 4:00pm on Wednesday, February 6, 2019. Thereupon, a refund of the total amount paid less \$75 will be returned to the student.

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To inquire about the course, please contact:

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You may register and make payments online:

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