



Study Ancient Greek in Siracusa goes On-line August 3rd - 8th 2020

“KNOW THYSELF” is among the most famous sayings from ancient Greece. Have you ever wondered how it sounds in the original Greek? If you would like to familiarise yourself with the language of Homer, Plato, Pindar and Pythagoras, join us at the Exedra-Fonte Aretusa “**Ancient Greek ‘Aperitivo’ Course**”, now on-line because of the Covid 19 crisis.

The online course will consist of 7 x 90-minute classes which will take place between the 3rd and 8th of August. Since this is a taster session, we have decided to focus on the text of Plato's *Apology* in a way that will allow all of you to participate regardless of your familiarity with Greek. Plato's *Apology*, is one of the best-known works of ancient Greek literature, in which the voice of Socrates can be clearly heard. We will examine not only the language, but also the philosophical argument and Socrates' novel rhetorical approach to the Athenian court, which condemned him to death but made his ideas famous.

The classes will include reading the text from the original and then translating it by focusing on the most important syntactical constructions and bringing up the grammar when necessary. At the same time, we will provide a philosophical and intertextual commentary which will focus on the rhetorical techniques and construction of philosophical argument of the text -- the aim is to be able to understand the main ideas and the general philosophical concepts used by Plato and Socrates without too much concern for the language. In this way, we believe that all of you, from absolute beginners to advanced learners of Greek, will be able to get something out of the classes and enrich them with your participation.

Further to that, grammar and syntax handouts will be provided electronically before the beginning of each class (beginner and intermediate), in order to make sure that you will be able to identify the main linguistic points of each section we cover. We believe that this format will help us overcome the possible difficulties of online teaching and will ensure that the classes will be enjoyable and beneficial for all. We are looking forward to seeing you in our virtual classroom!

The course is suitable for adult learners at any level, from absolute beginners to more advanced readers. Join us for a magical journey through Greek language and culture designed to help us know ourselves—and ancient Greek—a bit better! “ΓΝΩΘΙ ΣΑΥΤΟΝ”

Texts

We will be working on the online text of **Plato's Apology** found at <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text?doc=Perseus%3atext%3a1999.01.0170%3atext%3dApol>.

Other course materials will be provided electronically.

If you prefer a hard copy, we recommend:

- ❖ Plato *Apology*, ed. Helm J., Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers.

Optional

- ❖ *Oxford Grammar of Classical Greek*, Oxford.
- ❖ *Oxford Greek Dictionary*, Oxford.

Faculty

All courses will be taught in English by George Gazis and Chiara Blanco.

Dr Gazis is Assistant Professor in Greek Literature at the Department of Classics and Ancient History, at Durham University. His research interests lie in Archaic Greek Poetry (mainly Homer), as well as Greek Lyric and Tragedy. He is the author of *Homer and the poetics of Hades* (OUP, 2018) and the editor of *Aspects of Death in Greek Literature* (LUP, forthcoming).

Dr Blanco is a Research Lecturer in Classics at Trinity College, University of Oxford. Before joining Trinity, she was a Lecturer in Classics at Exeter College, Oxford, and she also taught Classics at Durham University and the University of Cambridge, where she also completed her PhD. Her main research interests lie in the intersections between ancient literature (Greek tragedy in particular) and medicine, and she is also interested in the role of the senses and emotions in Greek and Roman culture.

On-line Schedule Monday 3rd August - Saturday 8th August 2020 (Details to be confirmed)

CLASS-TIMES WILL BE DECIDED TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE VARIOUS TIME-ZONES OF THE PARTICIPANTS AND TUTORS.
AS SOON AS WE HAVE ENOUGH CONFIRMATIONS TO RUN THE COURSE, WE WILL SHARE THE DEFINITIVE COURSE OUTLINE.

The time-range that should work best for all will be late afternoon (c.5 - 7 pm UCT +1) in Europe.

Ancient Greek On-line Course costs in Euros: €100.00 (one hundred euros)

To apply, please complete the on-line form linked to the course page at www.exedramc.com

You should pay the course fee of €100.00 (one hundred euros) by July 20 2020.

If there are not enough students signed up for the course, Exedra reserves the right to cancel the course and will refund any fees already paid.

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