

## Greek 3200A/4904A Ancient Greek Poetry

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**Office Hours:** Monday 2:30-3:30 or by appointment

**Time and Place of Class:** M, W, F 11:30-12:30 StvH 2166

### **Required Text:**

Hanna M. Roisman and C.A.E. Lusching, *Euripides' Electra, A Commentary* (Oklahoma, 2011).

### **Course Description:**

The central text for this course is Euripides' *Electra*. Students will read the tragedy in its entirety over the course of the semester. The *Electra* presents a retelling of the fall of the house of Atreus from a uniquely female perspective and introduces many issues related to larger concerns within Greek culture such as justice, revenge, guilt, social class, and sexuality. The course will also provide critical review of Greek grammar and syntax. Through close reading of the text, students will become proficient in translation and gain a deeper appreciation of how philological detail contributes to broader thematic issues within Greek literature.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES/OBJECTIVES/TRANSFERABLE SKILLS:**

The major objective of this course is to become proficient in reading, translating, and interpreting Greek poetry. Through this course, students will improve their understanding of the intricacies of Greek syntax and be able to provide explanations of grammatical structures and how those structures affect the reading and interpretation of the texts. Through close reading and textual analysis, students will also learn essential skills in translating key concepts in Greek culture into the English language. In addition, in-class analysis will provide students with an opportunity to understand how the translation of the Greek language requires a translation and transfer of ideas from one culture to another. Lastly, this course will serve as an opportunity for students to critically analyze primary sources within larger social and historical contexts.

### **EVALUATION:**

Class Participation/Preparation (15% of Final Grade):

Students must come to class fully prepared to translate all Greek prose assigned for a given day. In addition, students should be prepared to discuss the larger thematic issues of the reading assignments, along with any secondary literature that has been assigned.

Quizzes (15% of Final Grade):

There will be five quizzes over the course of the Fall Term.

The quizzes will cover Greek prose assigned within two-week periods (not cumulative).

Quizzes will include translation and questions related to grammatical structures.

Midterm (30% of Final Grade) and Final (40%)

The Midterm will be given in class. The Final will last 2-3 hours, date TBA. Both the midterm and the final will be cumulative and take a similar format to the bi-weekly quizzes.

#### SCHEDULE OF READING:

The amount of reading will vary, beginning at a slower pace and increasing in volume as students become more proficient in reading and translating. The aim is to complete Euripides' *Electra* but without compromising the quality of translation and interpretation. For this reason, reading assignments will be given weekly.

**NOTE FROM THE DEAN OF ARTS and HUMANITIES:** You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites and that you have not taken an antirequisite course. Lack of prerequisites may not be used as basis of appeal. If you are not eligible for a course, you may be removed from it at any time, and you will receive no adjustment to your fees. These decisions cannot be appealed.

**PLAGIARISM:** Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage of text from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

#### **POLICY ON ACCOMMODATION FOR MEDICAL ILLNESS:**

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[downloadable Student Medical Certificate (SMC): <https://studentservices.uwo.ca> [under the Medical Documentation heading]

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams and/or assignments worth 10% or more of their final grade must apply to the Office of the Dean of their home faculty and provide documentation.

**ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION CANNOT BE GRANTED BY THE INSTRUCTOR OR DEPARTMENT.**

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**WESTERN SUPPORT SERVICES:** Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health @ Western <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list