

Polis – The Jerusalem Institute of Languages and Humanities

COURSE	
Ancient Greek IV	
ACADEMIC YEAR	SEMESTER
2021-2022	Spring
TEACHING HOURS	
60 academic hours (1 ac. h. = 45 min.)	
INSTRUCTOR	
Greek Department	
PREREQUISITES	
Completion of Greek I and II.	
OBJECTIVE	
<p>Reaching independence in Ancient Greek speech. This course, in combination with Greek III, aims at consolidating acquired conversation skills through further immersion, and at introducing the students to simple narrative registers. The students should reach automaticity in basic communication and learn how to tell a simple story in the past tense (aorist). They should be enabled to access simple narrative passages of authentic texts directly, i.e. without translating them.</p>	
METHODOLOGY	
Polis Method	
MODE OF ASSESSMENT	
<p>The instructors will assess and grade their students within the framework of the Greek Department's examination standards. There will be more than two formal examinations. The assessment will consider written and oral skill sets.</p> <p>Exam on individual reading, see below (mode of assessment to be determined by the teacher).</p>	
PROGRAM	
<p>Telling a story: selected passage from New Testament Greek, simple narrative prose style, the past tense, hypotaxis (conjunctions, participia coniuncta, genitive absolute, infinitival clauses). Tense-mood-aspect, diathesis and reflexivity. Some semantic fields. Reflections on synonymy and semantic value in lexicon, morphology and syntax.</p> <p>Morphology: 3rd declension (non-contracted types), 1st- and 2nd-declension contracts; pronouns (reflexive, demonstrative, relative). Present tense (contracts, athematic, subjunctive, participle), aorist tense (indicative, subjunctive, participle). Prepositional system. Locative adverbs. Some common derivational patterns.</p> <p>The students will choose an easy prose text (a Gospel, St. John's Epistles, Ruth, Revelation, Epictetus' Manual, or comparable), study the text on their own, and be evaluated by the instructor on comprehension of the Greek text at the end of the semester.</p>	
BIBLIOGRAPHY	
Christophe Rico, Polis. Speaking ancient Greek as a living language, vol. II (in preparation).	