

Polis – The Jerusalem Institute of Languages and Humanities

COURSE	
Greek Readings II: Koine Greek Prose - Selections	
ACADEMIC YEAR	SEMESTER
2021-2022	Fall
TEACHING HOURS	
60 academic hours (1 ac. h. = 45 min.)	
INSTRUCTOR	
John James; Tatiana Marvina	
PREREQUISITES	
<p>The course is recommended for either 1st- or 2nd-year students. The linguistic focus in reading the texts will be oriented along Greek III/IV (1st year) and Greek V/VI (2nd year) according to the students enrolled. However, the only “hard” prerequisite is Greek II, i.e. the September Intensive. Please contact your advisor or the instructor if you are unsure if you qualify for the course.</p>	
OBJECTIVE	
<p>Koine Literature: participants will read, experience, and discuss key texts and authors of the Koine period in depth, including Plutarch, Epictetus, the New Testament, LXX, and related works. Students will gain familiarity with koine writings and genres, as well as the tools to read, enjoy, and compare them.</p>	
METHODOLOGY	
<p>Students will be introduced to texts using Polis pre-reading strategies, while also training to become independent readers and be able to explain texts on their own. Students will be asked to present orally short excerpts from the texts and comment on their grammatical and lexical issues.</p>	
MODE OF ASSESSMENT	
<p>50% students’ oral presentations 30% written tests 20% participation in class discussion</p>	
PROGRAM	
<p>Epictetus, <i>Enchiridion</i> Plutarch, <i>Conjugalia praecepta</i> <i>Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs</i>, selections The New Testament, selections from the Gospels and Epistles</p> <p>The course will meet twice a week for 1.5 hrs each day, for the whole semester (~15 weeks).</p>	
BIBLIOGRAPHY	
<p>Epictetus Phil., <i>Enchiridion</i>, “Epicteti dissertationes ab Arriano digestae”, Ed. Schenkl, H. Leipzig: Teubner, 1916, Repr. 1965. Plutarchus Biogr., Phil., <i>Conjugalia praecepta</i> (138a–146a), “Plutarch's moralia, vol. 2”, Ed. Babbitt, F.C. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1928, Repr. 1962.</p>	

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Novum Testamentum Graece. 26th edition. Apparatus and new edition by Kurt Aland and Barbara Aland. Stuttgart: Deutsch Bibelsellschaft. 1979. 12th printing, 1991. (Or similar)
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