

Greek 1002
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Course Texts: Balme and Lawall, **Athenaze** vol. 2 (2nd ed.)
Course pack by Prof. Norman (at GREK 1002 course website)

General Course Information:

1. We will go through all of volume two of *Athenaze* this semester.
2. There will be a test approximately every two weeks. Each test will focus on material covered in the previous weeks, but will, of course, be cumulative.
3. There will be many short quizzes, usually twice a week. **No make-up quizzes will be given**, but your two lowest quiz grades will be dropped.
4. There will be a final, cumulative examination on Monday, May 4 (12-3 for the morning class, 3:30-6:30 for the afternoon class).
5. The Classics department provides free tutors for elementary Greek students in Park Hall 246. A schedule will be distributed as soon as possible.
6. All academic work must meet the standards contained in "A Culture of Honesty." Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work.
7. The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

Course requirements:

1. Class attendance and participation are essential. You must keep up with the assigned homework. Anyone habitually absent may be dropped from the course at my discretion.

2. Each day you will be considered either:

Prepared (on time and have completed homework assignment), or
Unprepared (in class but without homework assignment), or
Absent

At the beginning of each class, you will sign a sheet indicating whether you are Prepared (worth 2 points) or Unprepared (worth 1 point). In order to count yourself Prepared, you must be in class, you must have attempted to complete ALL the homework exercises and to translate EVERY assigned sentence, and you must give those answers if called upon. Your answers and translations do NOT have to be correct– but you must make an attempt.

If you are Unprepared, I will not call on you in class for homework translation. You will be asked to participate in other class activities, however. Please attend class even if you are Unprepared, so that you can hear new grammar explanation or review.

3. You are required to take all quizzes, tests and the final. I will not give make-up tests without prior clearance.

Grading:

Participation	15%
Tests	50%
Quizzes	15%
Final exam	20%

Some advice:

1. Do not write your translations in your book, as you will tend to look at what you have written rather than at the Greek text, and that will not do you any good. Instead, keep a special notebook to record vocabulary, difficulties, questions, and points made in class. Review your notes regularly, each time you are going to work through next day's assignment and before a test.

2. Even more important, do not write out a translation of the stories in *Athenaze*. If you do, you will look more closely at your English translation than at the Greek text. The more often you work through the Greek text, the better you will understand it and the more quickly you will learn the vocabulary. (A word to the wise: writing out an English translation and attempting to correct it in class is a waste of effort; translation passages on the tests and final exam will be sight passages, not passages you've already translated for class.)

3. Regular study habits are crucial for success in this course. In a college course, you are expected to spend at least two hours outside class to prepare for every hour spent in class. Study on a daily basis; do not simply study for a quiz or a test.

Additional Advice to the Ambitious and Wise (taken from Professor Bill McCullough of Kenyon College)

- \$ For study, pick a time of day (preferably several times a day) when you are fresh. Work intently for short periods—no more than an hour at a time. Work every day. Last minute cramming is a waste of time and energy.
- \$ When studying, proceed by learning only as much as can be effortlessly repeated at once. If you have to strain to remember what you just went through—or make efforts while repeating—this means that you are attempting too much at once. Break into smaller parts, and repeat more frequently.
- \$ Read and pronounce all Greek ALOUD as you are learning it. If you have any doubts or questions regarding the pronunciation of forms, please ask me.