

GREK 101-01—Elementary Greek I

Spring Semester

MTuThF 12:00-12:50 PM

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Why study ancient Greek?

- **It will make you smarter:** students who have taken Greek are consistently among the strongest performers on standardized tests of all sorts.
- **It will help you to understand English better:** about $\frac{1}{4}$ of English vocabulary derives from Greek, and well more than half of scientific terminology does.
- **It will expose you to greatness:** by the end of two semesters, you will be in position to begin reading some of the most influential authors in the Western world: Homer, Plato, and the New Testament authors, among many others. The stories that inspired *300*, *Troy*, *Clash of the Titans*, the Percy Jackson series, *Immortals*, etc. are written in Greek as well.
- **It will make you invaluable in your frat:** are others uncertain what those three identifying letters are? You won't be.
- **It will challenge you:** Greek's non-Roman alphabet and non-English sentence structure require students to stretch their brains to think about language differently.
- **Employers will think you're a genius (although you don't actually have to be one):** for a couple of millennia, knowledge of ancient Greek has been an undisputable marker of an intelligent, educated person.
- **All that, and two semesters of it will fulfill your language requirement.**

Take Greek. Get smart. Prepare for glory!

