# Ancient Greek Grammar (module A)

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

Students will know the main features of *koine* Greek. They will be able to translate and analyse from the Grammatical point of view passages by authors (especially Polybius), papyri and inscriptions of the Hellenistic and Roman period.

***COURSE CONTENT***

The characteristics of the Greek language in the Hellenistic and Roman imperial periods.

The language of Polybius and the phenomenon of bilingualism.

Reading a selection of inscriptions and papyri.

***READING LIST***

Passages from the following books: F.R. Adrados, *A History of the Greek Language: from its Origins to the Present*. Transl. by F.R. del Canto, Leiden-Boston 2005 (1st ed. *Historia de la lengua griega*, 1999); E. J. Bakker (ed.), *A Companion to the Ancient Greek Language*, Chichester/Malden, MA 2010; A.C. Cassio, *Storia delle lingue letterarie greche,* Mondadori, Milano, 20162, cap. 13; G. Horrocks, *Greek: A History of the Language and its Speakers* (2nd ed.), Oxford 2010; B.H. McLean, Hellenistic and Biblical Greek: *A Graduated Reader*, New York-Cambridge 2014.

Passages from J.N. Adams, Bilingualism And The Latin Language, Cambridge 2008; J.-A. de Foucault, *Recherches sur la langue et le style de Polybe*, Paris 1972; M. Dubuisson, *Le latin de Polybe: les implications historiques d’un cas de bilinguisme*, Paris 1985; D. Langslow, *The Language of Polybius since Foucault and Dubuisson* in C. Smith and L. M. Yarrow (eds.), Imperialism, Cultural Politics, and Polybius, Oxford 2012, pp. 84-110.

Further material will be given during lessons.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Three hours of lectures per week.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Oral exam.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Students will require a solid knowledge of Ancient Greek.

They must have followed the lessons of first semester of the course (Prof. A. Porro)

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