**Mycenaean Philology**

## Prof. Elena Langella

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

The course aims to furnish students with knowledge on the topics listed on the syllabus.

At the end of the course, students will have a good knowledge of Mycenaean civilisation, particularly of aspects concerning the writing system and the language. They will be able to transcribe, interpret and commentate the texts studied on the course and make analytical observations on the specific issues examined in lectures.

***COURSE CONTENT***

1. Introductory notes: the Mycenaean civilisation in its historical and archaeological context; writing systems in the Aegean in the 2nd millennium BC; writing and phonetics; grammar (morphology and word-formation, syntax); the position of Mycenaean in prehistoric times and in the linguistic history of the Greek language; the continuity of Mycenaean in Homer and in classical Greek.
2. Reading and commentary: Texts from Knossos, Pylos and Thebes.

***READING LIST***

The Mycenaean texts that will be read and commentated in lectures will be provided in person and/or shared on the Blackboard course page.

Course textbooks:

J.L. García Ramón, *Il greco miceneo,* in M. Del Freo-M.Perna (eds.), *Manuale di epigrafia micenea. Introduzione allo studio dei testi in Lineare B*, vol. 1, Padova 2016, pp. 211-244.

As a help to understand the Mycenaean texts, students can count on:

M. Ventris-J. Chadwick, *Documents in Mycenaean Greek,* Cambridge, 19732.

M. Negri, *Le tavolette delle classi A, C, E, F, G di Pilo. Saggio di traduzione*, Roma 1993.

C. Consani, *Le tavolette della classi J-Z di Pilo. Saggio di traduzione*, Roma 1994.

M. Del Freo-M. Perna (a cura di), *Manuale di epigrafia micenea. Introduzione allo studio dei testi in Lineare B,* 2 voll., Padova 2016.

Y. Duhoux – A. Morpurgo Davies (eds.), *A Companion to Linear B Texts. Mycenaean Greek texts and their world*, Louvain-la-Neuve: particularly vol. 1 (2008) and vol. 2 (2011).

Eventual further reading suggestions will be provided during the course.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Frontal lectures (30 hours).

In case the health circumstances should require it, both teaching activities and any forms of learning monitoring (both in progress and final) will be provided also remotely through the platforms provided by our University, in order to ensure the full achievement of the formative objectives set out in the study plans and, at the same time, the safety of our students.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Oral examination. Students will be examined both on the topics discussed during lectures and on the examned texts, in order to evaluate their knowledge of contents as well as the related specialized terminology. A deep and non-mechanical knowledge will be required to obtain a medium to high mark.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Students require a good level of ancient Greek.

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