# Ancient Greek Grammar

# 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 an overview of the history of the Greek language, with a particular focus on dialectology, and be able to recognise and illustrate the main isoglosses pertaining to the Greek dialectal groups; they will know and be able to apply the elements of phonetics and phonology learned in lectures and studied using the course texts, as well as the relationship between phonemes and graphemes of the Ionic alphabet; they will be able to translate and precisely analyse the grammatical and dialectological aspects of the texts studied on the course.

***COURSE CONTENT***

a. Introductory notes: brief remarks on the historyof theGreek language; aspects of phonetics, phonology and dialectology; the Greek alphabet.

b. Anthological reading of selected dialectal inscriptions.

***READING LIST***

a. In addition to the course notes:

1. P. Chantraine, *Morphologie historique du grec,* Klincksieck, Paris, 1945, 19612 (reprinted on several occasions) (pp. 1-81; 165-370);

or

L. Heilmann, *Grammatica storica della lingua greca,* in *Enciclopedia classica, II*, 5, 3, SEI, Turin, 1963 (pp. 101-175; 198-257).

or

D. Pieraccioni, *Morfologia storica della lingua greca,* D’Anna, Florence, 19753 (part I, chapters I-IV; part II, chapters I-IX).

2. A.C. Cassio, *Storia delle lingue letterarie greche,* Mondadori, Milan, 20162 [General introduction (chapters 1-3; pp. 3-105)].

b. Didactic material and 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 reading list, 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***

The course is aimed at students who already have a grounded knowledge of Greek, at least at high school level.

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