Greek 3200A: Greek Poetry Selections

Alcestis and Admetus 1789 (from Euripides' *Alcestis*) John Flaxman, 1755-1826. Tate Collection

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Time & Place: Monday Wednesday and Friday 12:30-1:30, TC 404

Objectives: Students will read Euripides' *Alcestis* in the original Greek and consolidate their mastery of Ancient Greek grammar and syntax. They will also become familiar with the formal aspects of Greek tragic poetry and its performance. We will consider the place of the *Alcestis* in its cultural context and in the ancient Greek literary tradition.

Learning Outcomes: Students will have developed the advanced language skills necessary to read a dramatic text from Classical Athens in the original Greek. They will be able to identify the formal features of an ancient Greek dramatic text. They will be able to apply their knowledge of the cultural context, performance conditions and the literary tradition to arrive at an informed interpretation of a Greek tragedy.

Prerequisites: Greek 2000 (formerly Greek 222) or the permission of the department.

Texts: *Euripides'* Alcestis, *with notes and commentary by C.A.E. Luschnig and H. M. Roisman*. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, 2003.
H.G. Liddell. *Intermediate Greek-English Lexicon.* Oxford 1959. (Recommended)
Both of the above have been ordered at the Book Store at Western.

Evaluation:

1. 10% Quizzes (approximately every two weeks, translation and grammar questions)
2. 15% Participation and preparation
3. 20% Homework assignments (may include Greek composition, basic metrical scansion, a short presentation on some aspect of the play)
4. 20% Midterm (translation and grammar questions, October 26)
5. 35% Final Exam (translation, grammar questions, and some short written answers)

NOTE FROM THE DEAN OF ARTS: You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites and that you have not taken an antirequisite course. Lack of prerequisites may not be used as basis of appeal. If you are not eligible for a course, you may be removed from it at any time, and you will receive no adjustment to your fees. These decisions cannot be appealed.

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