Why Study Ancient Greek at ANU?

Modern Western civilisation has its roots in the world of the Ancient Greeks. Learning Ancient Greek will give you a deep understanding of this ancient world and unique insights into contemporary Western culture and society.

Learning Ancient Greek introduces the principles of the language (grammar, vocabulary, syntax) and develops your reading skills so that you can engage closely with Ancient Greek texts.

Students enjoy the challenge and pleasure of reading authors such as Homer, Herodotus, Euripides and Plato in the original language, and exploring the literary, historical and cultural contexts in which they wrote.

By engaging with the Ancient Greek world through its language and literature you will gain a richer understanding of that world and its influence on contemporary society. The critical thinking skills you will develop studying ancient sources will also help you think about our own world.

You don’t need to have prior knowledge of the language to study Ancient Greek, but if you have already studied Ancient Greek, please speak to the convenor about the best entry level.

Proficiency in Ancient Greek is highly recommended if you wish to specialise in Ancient Greek or Roman history and civilisation. Studying Ancient Greek will enrich your understanding of the English language and may help you to learn other European languages more easily.

Potential graduate pathways include but are not restricted to careers in research and teaching (at all levels), materials conservation, languages and translation, journalism and media, law, government, cultural heritage and tourism.

ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences
Classical Studies at ANU

ANU is ranked number one in Australia and sixteenth in the world for humanities and the arts. By choosing to study Classical Studies at ANU, students will receive a world-class education and an internationally recognised degree.

Classical Studies has been taught at ANU for over 50 years. You will benefit from a warm and supportive teaching environment, excellent library resources and a vibrant student culture. ANU is also home to the Classics Museum. Spanning the Mediterranean and beyond, the collection features examples of ancient art and objects of daily life from Greece, the Roman world, Egypt, and the Near East.

Students who study Ancient Greek learn to:

- Read Ancient Greek texts with pleasure and understanding.
- Study these texts against their historical and cultural background.
- To apply approaches and methodologies for critical thinking not only to the ancient sources, but also to the discourses of our own world.

Ancient Greek courses on offer include:

- Traditional Grammar
- Continuing Ancient Greek
- Intermediate Ancient Greek
- Advanced Ancient Greek

Study Abroad

Students who study Greek as part of the Bachelor of Classical Studies have the opportunity to take part in overseas study courses. So far these courses have visited a large range of ancient sites in Greece, Turkey and southern Italy. This unique and invaluable experience allows you to visit archaeological sites and key museums while participating in an approved course counting towards your degree.

Scholarships and Prizes

There are a number of scholarships available to current ANU students to help with the cost of your studies. Donors and benefactors, external organisations and the Australian Government fund many of the scholarships we offer. Visit the ANU scholarships and page to find out more: www.anu.edu.au/students/scholarships

Study Program

ANU offers an outstanding variety of programs that cater to those students interested in studying a language. Courses are offered from beginners’ to honours and postgraduate levels, and various enrolment options cater for different student needs.

Students may choose to study Ancient Greek within a Bachelor of Arts or within a specialised program such as the Bachelor of Classical Studies, Bachelor of Languages or Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours). Students may also combine any of these Bachelor degrees with other degrees on offer at ANU through the flexible double and vertical degrees.

Ancient Greek may be studied as a major (8 courses), a minor (4 courses), an advanced minor (4 courses) or an elective (single courses).

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The most surprising thing about my course is the fantastic lecturers—they’re all top experts in the field and enormously friendly, accessible, and helpful. My average day as a student involves going to classes, studying, talking to my classmates and lecturers, working out at the gym, and sometimes going to public lectures and academic seminars.

My advice to prospective students considering ANU… this is definitely the best university in Australasia. Be prepared for the competition, because you’ll face a multitude of smart students; learn to utilise your lecturers and other resources on campus, and maybe go to the info sessions – your university is always doing things for you, some people just never find out.

Meet our students at:
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