

King's College London **Ancient Languages (Greek and Latin)**

Welcome to the King's Ancient Languages Summer School 2024. The following document contains some information about the courses.

Session One: Monday 1 July – Friday 19 July

Session Two: Monday 22 July – Friday 9 August

Syllabus

You will be following the JACT Reading Greek (CUP **second** edition) and Latin course books (CUP **second** edition). You will be provided with a copy of the textbooks for the duration of the course, but if you would like to buy your own copy to keep, then these are available to buy through Amazon, Waterstones, Blackwells and many other bookshops. If you are studying online, you will be provided with online access.

Attendance & Assessment

It is important to attend all classes. Please tell your tutor in advance if you know that you will be absent, and please get in touch as soon as you can if you are ill or if you have to miss a class for any other reason. Your tutor will keep an attendance register and the Summer School requires an attendance rate of 80%.

If you have opted to take the Examination Route, or if you are a BA Classics Access Pathway student, please read the following notes:

There will be 2 half-hour tests at the end of the weeks 1 and 2 of each 3-week Session. These tests will be worth 10% each.

At the end of the 3rd and final week of each Session, there will be a 1-hour test. This test is worth 80% of the final mark.

The tests will be marked by your tutor and also by the course director. The results are passed by a College examination board which includes an external examiner.

Your tutors will give you plenty of advice about these tests and plenty of practice in advance. If you are worried about them, then please ask for extra help: your tutor will be available for one-to-one tutorial tuition in the afternoons. It is essential that you seek extra help as soon as you think you need it. If you find the work difficult in the first week, your tutor will recommend that you attend the afternoon sessions. If you do not achieve the passmark of 40% in the first test, it will be compulsory to attend extra sessions online in the second week, or to discuss the options with your tutor and agree a suitable plan of study.

Some further tips

Learning a new language or improving your language skills can be great fun. However, it is also hard work and as these courses cover a huge amount of material and are very

intensive, there will doubtless be times when you may struggle a little! Please don't worry about this. Your tutors are there to help you, so please ask them for extra help; they can arrange individual tuition for you. But also do ask questions in the group sessions if you are not sure: if you don't understand something, it is likely that your fellow students have not understood it either and they will be pleased that you have asked!

Apart from the classes, you should also be aware that there will be a substantial amount of homework to do. Try to make sure that you keep up with this; again tell your tutor if you are having problems.

It is much easier to get to grips with Greek and Latin if you have a good grasp of English grammar. If you have not studied English grammar formally before, you may find it helpful to have a look at a grammar book in advance so you are familiar with the terminology. The *Chambers English Grammar* is a useful one to start with.

Finally, please feel free to contact me (details below) if you would like any advice before, during or even after the course.

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