GREEK 599: Greek Composition. In this graduate independent study course we will attempt to further enhance the student’s reading ability and knowledge of Greek grammar through the composition of sentences and passages of increasing complexity in Attic Greek. The ancient language is customarily approached, after introductory instructional courses are completed, from a reading comprehension point of view. This class will attempt to supplement this approach by giving the student the opportunity to consider and practice the process of writing in Greek, which will reinforce and augment both the student’s ability to generate forms and his knowledge of Greek stylistic preferences.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Instructional Text:

Further Composition Materials:
Otho’s Death, Histories 2.48-49, Tacitus.

Supplemental Texts:
Veitch, W. 1887. Greek Verbs, Irregular and Defective; their forms, meaning, and quantity: embracing all the tenses used by the Greek writers, with references to the passages in which they are found. Oxford: Clarendon Press.

Supplemental Instructional Texts:
CLASS POLICY

Attendance: Attendance during arranged advisor-student meetings is required.

Assignments: Regular assignments from the instructional texts will be completed and checked with the instructor to assess the student’s progress.

Portfolio: A portfolio of shorter (than the final project) individual translation assignments demonstrating the student’s proficiency in composition will be turned in to the instructor.

Final Project: A substantial selection of English to be translated into Greek will be proposed by the student and approved by the advisor, to be completed and revised before the class is ended.

Grading: Grading will be carried out on the normal independent study scale of Superior, Pass, or E (fail). The grade will be divided among the following criteria: Textual Assignments (40%), Portfolio (30%), Final Project (30%)

Study Criteria: Between independent work and instructor-student meetings, an equivalent amount of time will be spent on this course to a normal 3-unit 5xx level reading course.

Schedule: (January 11 – May 10)

- Jan. 11-20: Unit 1, North and Hillard; Supp. Reading: Denniston, Greek Prose Style
- Jan. 23-Feb. 1: Unit 2, North and Hillard; Supp. Reading: Goodwin
- Feb. 1-10: Unit 3, North and Hillard; Supp. Reading: Probert
- Feb. 13-22: Unit 4, North and Hillard; Supp. Reading: Dover
- Feb. 22-Mar. 2: Unit 5, North and Hillard; Supp. Reading: Veitch
- Mar. 2-9: Unit 6, North and Hillard; Supp. Reading: Denniston, The Greek Particles
- Mar. 19-28: Unit 7, North and Hillard; Supp. Reading: Blass and Purton
- Mar. 28-Apr. 11: Independent Translation I; Supp. Reading: Pharr
- Apr. 11-25: Independent Translation II; Review of Supplemental Reading
- May. 10: Ongoing Final Project Due