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:
In conjunction with:

Further Composition Materials:
Orientalium Dignitas, Papa Leo XIII
Regula pro Monachis, Sanctus Benedictus Abbas
TBD

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 Latin and/or English will be proposed by the student and approved by the advisor for translation into Greek, shall be composed and revised throughout the course.

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 (35%), Portfolio (35%), 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 23 – May 12)

- Jan. 24-Jan 31: Unit 1 (Exs. 1-11), North and Hillard; Supp. Reading: Probert
- Feb. 3-7: Unit 2 (Exs. 12-23), North and Hillard; Supp. Reading: Dover
- Feb. 10-14: Unit 3 (Exs. 24-40), North and Hillard; Supp. Reading: Denniston, The Greek Particles
- Feb. 17-21: Unit 4 (Exs. 41-61), North and Hillard; Supp. Reading: Goodwin
- Feb. 24-28: Unit 5 (Exs. 62-72), North and Hillard; Supp. Reading: Pharr
- March. 3-7: Unit 6 (Exs. 73-86), North and Hillard; Supp. Reading: Rijksbaron
- March 10-15: Unit 7 (Exs. 87-115), North and Hillard; Supp. Reading: Veitch
- March 17-21: Unit 8 (Exs. 116-133), North and Hillard; Supp. Reading: Blass and Purton
- March 24-8: Unit 9 (Exs. 134-145), North and Hillard; Supp. Reading: Denniston, Greek Prose Style
- March 31-April 4: Unit 10 (Exs. 146-167), North and Hillard; Review Supp. Reading
- April 7-11: Review Exercises (Exs. 168-175)
- April 14-18: Independent Translation I
- April 21-25: Independent Translation II
- April 28-May 7: Intensive Collaboration on Final Project