

ELEMENTARY GREEK: ASSIGNMENTS & HOMEWORK

In this class, you will be expected to **complete all assignments by the start of the class under which they are listed** on the assignment schedule. In order to succeed in this course, you will need to dedicate daily time and attentive focus to your Greek homework. I hope you approach your work with seriousness, an open mind, and a willingness to rise to great but rewarding intellectual challenges.

THE ESSENTIALS:

- You should keep all of your homework in one **notebook** ('thesaurus,' or *θησαυρός*, which means 'store, treasure, receptacle for valuables').
- Your thesaurus (*θησαυρός*) counts for **20%** of your semester grade.
- **Every two weeks**, you **submit** your thesaurus with **all homework assignments *completed and corrected***.
- **Evaluation of homework:**
 - **Each day's** homework assignment is worth **10%** of that two-week period's homework grade.
 - Each day's homework will be marked with full credit (receiving a '10') if it's complete and self-corrected.
 - If a daily homework assignment has more than three* minor mistakes after self-correction, the homework will be marked as 5%. You can resubmit the homework, fully corrected, to receive 7.5% of the credit for that assignment.
 - * this number is a rough outline rather than a strict rule. The seriousness or insignificance of mistakes is relative rather than absolute, but the guideline is given here so that you have a sense of how precise I'd like you to be (as precise as possible, with some wiggle room.)
- **The purpose of this system:**
 - Why does homework counts for a large portion of your grade?
 - Because it is in your daily habits of learning, studying, and practicing the language that you facilitate your success in overall language acquisition.
 - Greek requires attention to detail, persistent study, and looking over one's own progress and work.
 - This method allows you to gain control of a large portion of your grade, because you get a chance to revisit your work, learn from your mistakes, and reap double rewards for diligent study habits.
 - You'll get to learn about *how* you learn: you'll revisit your strengths and also gain a sense of the challenges that Greek poses to you as an individual learner.
 - You'll have a fantastic record of your own work, and this will become a valuable study resource.

FURTHER DETAILS:

- Your *θησαυρός* ('thesaurus') will be evaluated as follows:
 - **Each day** when you arrive in class, display your *θησαυρός*, open to the day's assignments. I will go around the room and note its completion each day.

- Homework assignments will often be reviewed in class or used for in-class exercises and activities. **You are expected to CORRECT your own homework in class**, if we go over an assignment where your answers are not all correct. Use a pen or pencil of a DIFFERENT COLOR to do this, marking correct answers with a check, and modifying the incorrect answers (without completely covering them); that way, when I am grading your homework, I can ascertain what corrections you made.
 - **Your homework must be fully correct in order to receive credit**; if there are extensive (i.e., more than 3 minor) errors, you will be asked to re-visit and correct your work when the **θησαυρός** is returned to you before you can receive credit for the assignment. Let me assure you that the number 3 is a bit arbitrary and designed to push your assignments toward near-precision, with some wiggle room for human error – provided you demonstrate an overall understanding of the material!
- **I will collect your **θησαυρός** every two weeks.** I will confirm that you have completed and corrected all of your homework assignments, and if that is the case, you will receive a 100% for homework. The date of collection will be announced in advance online.
 - **For each homework assignment missing from your notebook upon submission**, your score will be adjusted accordingly. For example, if you have almost all of the homework assignments completed for the two week period, but you are missing one day's worth of work, then you will receive a 90% on your homework journal for that two week period – since you will be missing the equivalent of 10% of your homework, or one day out of the ten day period of assignments.
 - **For each homework assignment that you do not complete *in advance of class*, but you DO complete by the time the notebook is collected**, you will receive *half credit* for the work, provided it is thorough and accurate. You will lose 5% of your 100% homework grade for each assignment that is completed late, but at least you will gain 5% more than you would have otherwise had, AND you will ensure that you are improving your Greek in the process. Better late than never!
 - This formula also applies to homework assignments that you have started but not completed before class.
 - You still need to complete the assignment before the notebook is collected in order to get the 5% credit for that day's assignment.
- **Sometimes emergency, illness, and personal circumstances will get in the way of your completing your homework.**
 - You may use 'moly' (pronounced like 'holy moly' in English, or mō-loo in Greek, and spelled **μῶλυ**) in place of presenting an assignment at the start of class, for whatever the reason: you get to choose when you need to use the moly (**μῶλυ**).
 - You are permitted **five pieces of moly (μῶλυ)** throughout a given semester, which means that you can miss five assignments total without losing points for lateness. If you need to use moly (**μῶλυ**), just write the word "μῶλυ" in your journal for that day, and I will make a note of it as I go around the room. You must still complete the assignment before the **θησαυρός** is collected, however; and if the assignment has more than three minor errors, it will be returned to you for revisions.