

# GREK 20300 1, GREK 20300 1 - Intermediate Greek III - Instructor(s) - Emily Austin

Project Title: College Course Feedback - Spring 2024

Number Enrolled: 8
Number of Responses: 4

#### **Report Comments**

Opinions expressed in these evaluations are those of students enrolled in the specific course and do not represent the University.

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# What are the most important things that you learned in this course? Please reflect on the knowledge and skills you gained.

#### Comments

Homeric syntax, forms, and vocabulary. It was also my first exposure to the Iliad.

Continued practice in Greek vocabulary and grammar in the Homeric dialect. Practicing scansion and creating artistic translations of text. I greatly improved my grasp of Greek grammar.

# Describe how aspects of this course (lectures, discussions, labs, assignments, etc.) contributed to your learning.

#### Comments

The assignments were very consistent: about 40 lines of Greek per class (except quiz days), and the extra assignments (an artistic translation and a scansion assignment) were fun and got me to think about the text in new ways. We had very frequent quizzes, which I find very helpful in language classes since it forces one to review frequently. Prof. Austin did a fantastic job getting quizzes, exams, and graded assignments back to us immediately (almost always the very next class!).

In class we predominantly took turns translating sections of prepared text with immediate feedback. This greatly contributed to my ability to translate Homer.

### Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I felt respected in this class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

#### I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	0.00%	100.00%

# Thinking about your time in the class, what aspect of the instructor's teaching contributed most to your learning?

#### Comments

Prof. Austin emphasized the literary aspects of the text as much as (or perhaps more than) the grammatical, which was nice. Most importantly, however, she was extremely clear, consistent, fair, and generous. We stuck to the schedule she put in the syllabus that we received on the first day; she didn't expect us to read more Greek on days we had Greek quizzes; she asked a lot yet was very generous/kind in her grading; she was extremely approachable, always encouraging students to come to office hours and/or email her; as mentioned earlier, she got back assignments, quizzes, and exams essentially immediately, which was fantastic. She was an excellent professor; I could even say "ideal" in many ways.

Emily met one on one with me every week in order to help me practice grammar concepts I did not fully understand which greatly helped me.

# What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

#### Comments

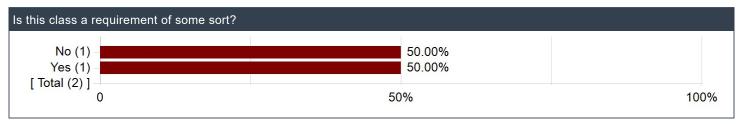
Nothing comes to mind. I was really impressed and grateful for her instruction.

She was excellent.

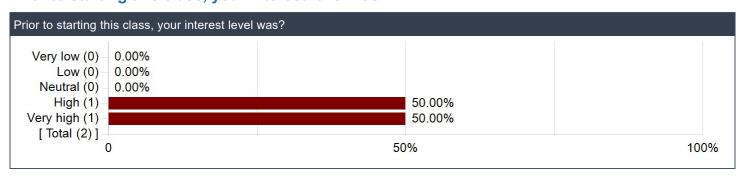
#### The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%

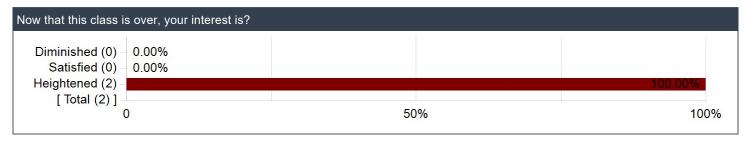
# Is this class a requirement of some sort?



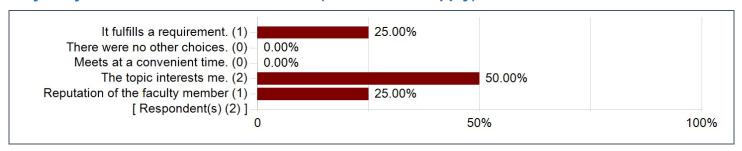
# Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



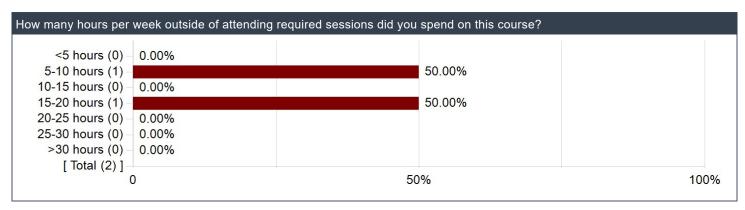
#### Now that this class is over, your interest is?



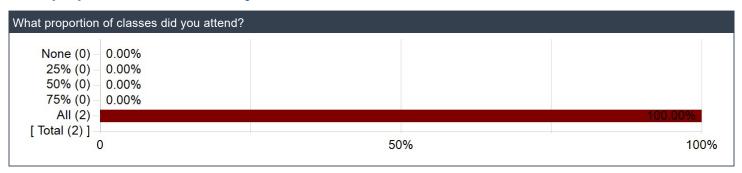
# Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



# How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?



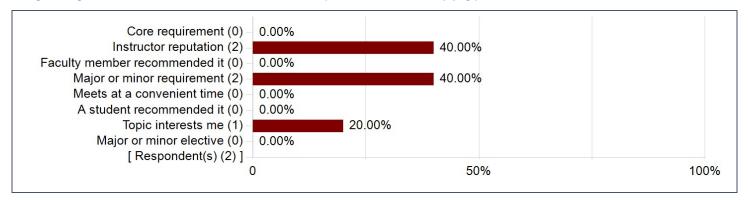
# What proportion of classes did you attend?



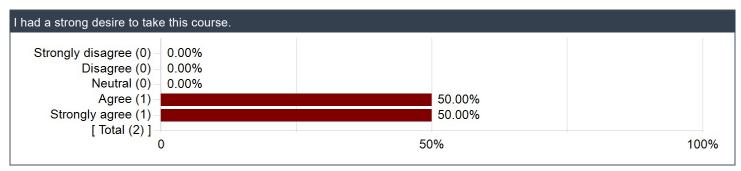
# Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments	
It was perfect – definitely challenging, yet not overwhelming.	
It was at the right level to challenge me without being impossible.	

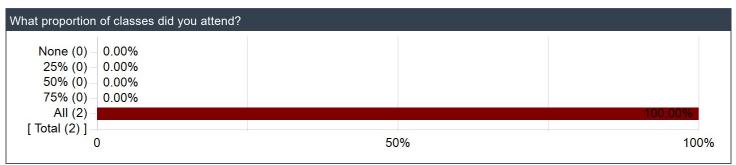
# Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



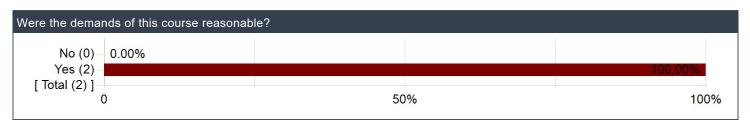
# I had a strong desire to take this course.



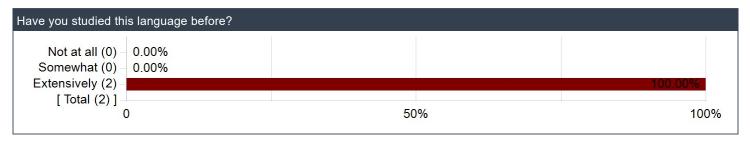
# What proportion of classes did you attend?



#### Were the demands of this course reasonable?



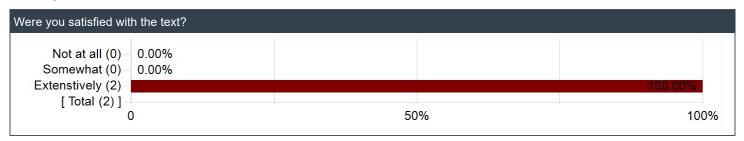
### Have you studied this language before?



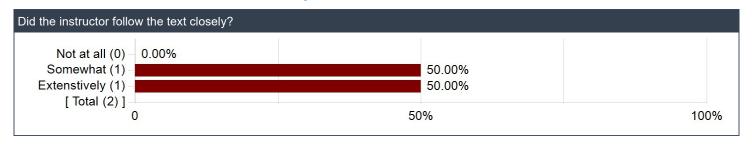
# Rate the extent to which different aspects of the language were stressed:

	Mean	Median	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Extremely	Vigorously
Speaking	3.00	3.00	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Spelling	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Reading	6.00	6.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Writing	2.00	2.00	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Grammar	5.50	5.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Vocabulary	6.00	6.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

# Were you satisfied with the text?



# Did the instructor follow the text closely?

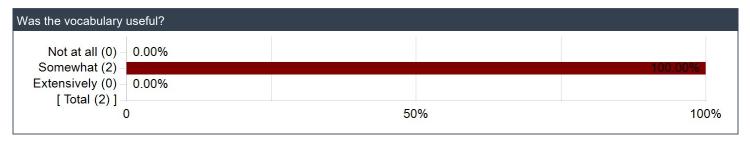


# **Explain:**

#### Comments

The text had explanations for most confusing grammar parts and all vocabulary needed. The professor chose the excerpts she wanted to focus on but also brought in some passages outside the textbook

# Was the vocabulary useful?



# Why?

#### Comments

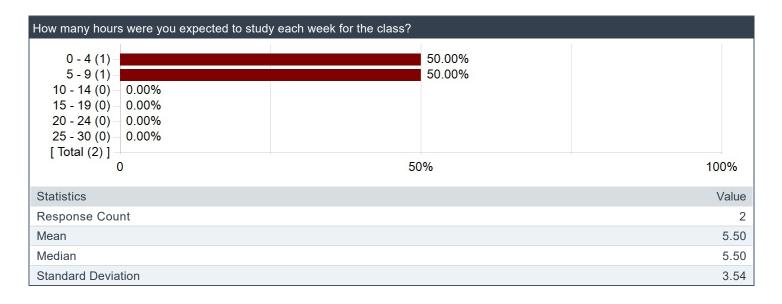
Some of the vocabulary was obscure, but a lot of it repeated throughout the Iliad

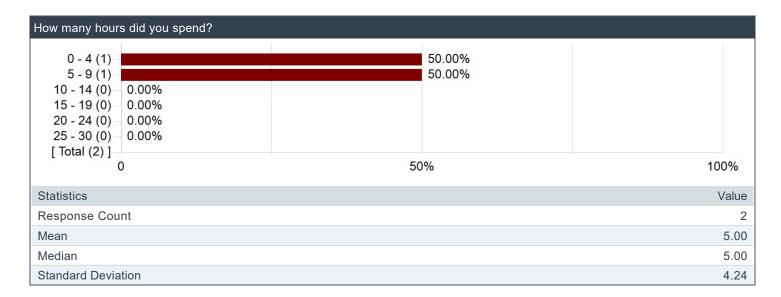
# Describe the format of the class (lecture, drills, etc.). Was this format productive? Please be specific.

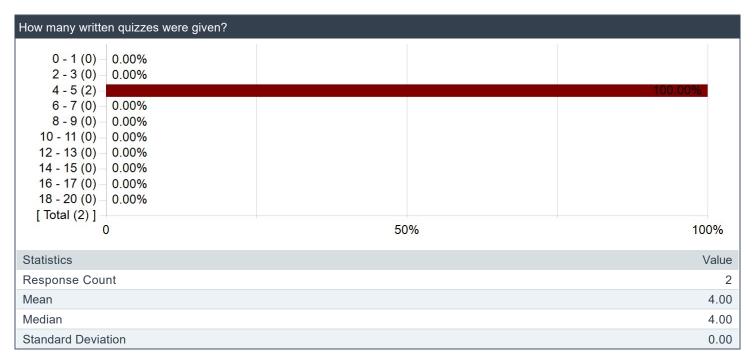
#### Comments

We went over the lines we prepared together as a class, with one person translating and the professor commenting on it. It worked because we got the corrections we needed

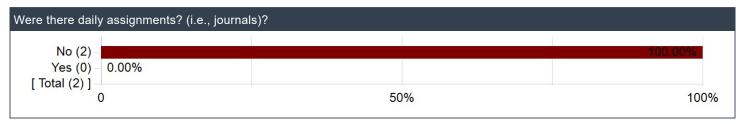
The classic classical languages format of preparing 40–60 lines before class, then going around the room translating, asking questions, and discussing the text. Also additional assignments including an "artistic" translation (practicing making literary–based translation choices rather than focusing only on "literal" translation) and a meter/scansion assignment







# Were there daily assignments? (i.e., journals)?



# If there were required outside activities (i.e. foreign films or SCOLA), describe your experience.

Comments	
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### Was your instructor organized?

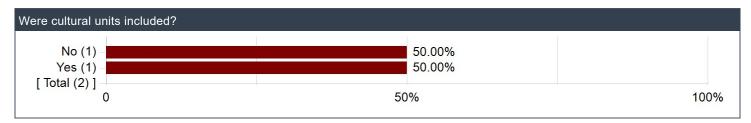
Mean	Median	Very Unorganized	Somewhat Unorganized	Fairly Organized	Somewhat Organized	Very Organized
5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

# **Explain**

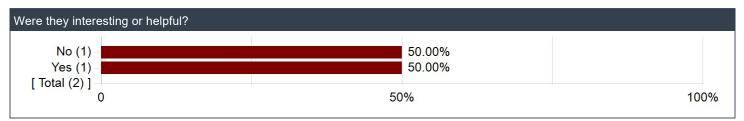
#### Comments

Clearly communicated the details of what she wanted us to do, returned assignments and assessments in a timely manner

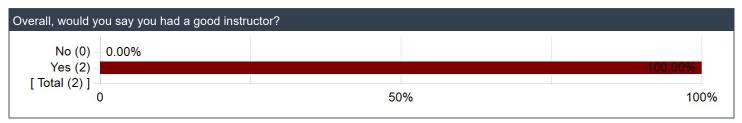
#### Were cultural units included?



# Were they interesting or helpful?



# Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



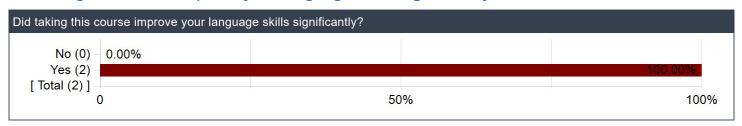
# Why?

#### Comments

Professor Austin was very knowledgeable about the material and gave us helpful feedback on our translations

Emily is a wonderful person and professor, I am very glad I got the opportunity to take a class with her. She is very passionate about the text and was very helpful in commenting on Homeric grammar/forms, and correcting our translations/explaining syntax

#### Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



# In what way?

#### Comments

I learned more vocabulary and grammar quirks. I also just got a lot of practice reading

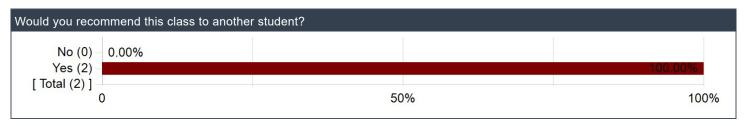
Further reading experience, as well as exposure to a new dialect (Homeric/Epic), and better knowledge of a very important cultural text

# How would you improve this course?

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Not sure

# Would you recommend this class to another student?



# Why?

#### Comments

Professor Austin is very knowledgeable, the material is interesting, and you get a lot of good practice in reading Greek