

CHOOSING THE RIGHT GREEK OR LATIN CLASS

The normal sequence of Greek and Latin classes at Brown is **GREK / LATN 100, 200, 300, 400**. After **GREK / LATN 400**, students are free to take any **1000-level** courses of their choosing.

If you have no experience in Greek or Latin, then **GREK / LATN 100 and 200** are the courses to take. You can also substitute for these courses **GREK / LATN 110**, which are intensive, two-credit courses covering the same material as **GREK / LATN 100 and 200**, but in the space of one semester. **GREK / LATN 110** are offered only in the Spring semester, enabling you to move efficiently to **GREK /LATN 300** in the subsequent Fall semester. Please note that, unlike most modern language beginning courses at Brown, **GREK / LATN 100 and 200** can be taken separately.

If you have some experience in Greek or Latin, but have been away from either language for a space of time, and/or feel you wish to review grammar and read and translate more slowly, then you should try **GREK / LATN 300** and/or **400**. These are intermediate-level courses that include review of grammar and deliberately paced reading and translating of, normally, one ancient text/author.

Students who have three years of high school Greek or Latin (or more) are normally well-suited to take **1000-level** courses at once, since their high school language preparation includes work equivalent to **GREK / LATN 100, 200, 300, 400**. Students who have studied Latin at the AP or Honors levels are already at the advanced level and can proceed directly to **1000-level** courses.

Students interested in taking a **1000-level** Greek or Latin class should shop such courses widely. While there are certainly differences among them, courses numbered in the **lower 1000s**, e.g, **GREK 1110, LATN 1120**, will be broadly similar in terms of expectations, preparation, and work load. Courses numbered in the **higher 1000s**, such as **LATN 1810** or **GREK 1820** generally cover more lines and move at a much quicker pace.

N.B.: Courses numbered at the **2000-level** are graduate courses open only to graduate students.

The Department recommends that students shop our courses widely, and confer whenever necessary with the faculty teaching such courses about preparation and appropriate fit. The Director of Undergraduate Studies, Prof. Jay Reed, is always available for consultation about courses, as is the Chair of the Department, Prof. Joseph Pucci.