

Erasmus Academy Twenty-Third Annual Summer Language Program *Online*

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CLASSICAL GREEK, SANSKRIT, NT GREEK,
OR BIBLICAL HEBREW**

May 21 – July 12, 2018

Prepare for the Language Proficiency Exams

- Rapid Reading Courses: Emphasis on Reading and Translating.
- For all Graduate Students in the Arts & Sciences, or for any motivated college or high school student, or other adult.
- Online courses in “real time.” Students log on at specific times and interact directly with the Instructor and other students. Take from any location or from home. One year of college language instruction in 8 weeks. Access to the Internet required.
- Intensive Courses. No previous language knowledge required. Time commitment: 30 hrs/week, presuming 4 hours of outside prep for every hour in class.
- Meetings: Mon. /Thurs., 6:15 pm –9:15 pm EST
- 8 Weeks: 48 hours of instruction approximate 4 semester hours.
- High success rate. Instructors experienced in rapid reading courses. Early registration recommended due to space availability. Max class size: 20.
- Early Bird Registration Option: full payment by 3/1/2018 (total fee: \$850)

Course Fee: \$950

Application Deadline: May 1, 2018

For information, write/call the Instructor of the respective language, found at:
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Latin – Dr. D. Ben DeSmidt

Dr. DeSmidt is Associate Professor of Classics at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he has taught Latin and Greek languages and literatures for eleven years, and is the chair of the Classics Department. His B.A. is from the University of Chicago; he graduated with the Ph.D. in Classics from Columbia University in 2006.

French – Mr. Fabien L. Rivière

Mr. Rivière, a native speaker of French, grew up in Toulouse, France. He received his BA in Modern Languages, Literatures and Civilizations (2004) and a MA in World Languages (2005) both from the University of Toulouse. Mr. Rivière serves as an Adjunct Professor of French and Global Studies at Ramapo College and a French teacher in the Goshen School District, NY.

German – Mr. Ron Ditmars

Mr. Ditmars did graduate work for six years at Freiburg University, Germany in classical and modern languages. He holds a Magister degree from that institution in modern German literature. He has a B.A. from Kenyon College, an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and a M. Phil from Union Seminary in NYC, where he directed its Summer Language Program and taught the intensive German course to graduate students for nine years.

New Testament Greek – (to be appointed by Dec. 15, 2017)**Biblical Hebrew – Mr. Jim Wilson**

Mr. Wilson is the Hebrew Teaching Fellow at Asbury Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. candidate in the Old Testament. He has a BA (2007) in Biblical, Theological, and Classical Studies from the University of Evansville in Evansville, IN, and a MA in Biblical Studies from Asbury Theological Seminary (2014). He received the ICTHUS Award from Asbury Seminary for Old Testament Studies. He is competent in several Semitic languages, including Aramaic, Akkadian, and Northwest Semitic dialects; and has experience in New Testament studies, the Septuagint, and Classical Greek.

Spanish – Mr. William Andrews

Mr. Andrews received his BA in Spanish Languages and Literatures from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. He is enrolled in the Ph.D. program at Chicago Theological Seminary and serves as the Spanish instructor for doctoral students, as well as for graduate students in the Hyde Park/Chicago cluster of schools, who are preparing for the proficiency exam. Will also worked as a translator at the US/Mexico border for more than a year.

Sanskrit – Dr. Bergljot Chiarucci

Dr. B.J. Chiarucci earned MA and PhD degrees from the University of California Berkeley in the Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies. She spent the summer of 2004 in Heidelberg, Germany practicing spoken Sanskrit at Heidelberg University, and she spent several summers in India where she took further language courses in Sanskrit, Prakrit, and Tamil. At UC Berkeley, she taught in the Dept. of South and Southeast Asian Studies and in the Department of History of Art between 2005-2011. Her interests include Sanskrit literature, the history of yoga, and manuscript studies.

Classical Greek – Dr. Kristina Chew

Dr. Kristina Chew received her BA in Classics from Princeton University (1990) and her Ph.D. from Yale University in 1995. She has extensive teaching experience in Greek and Latin languages. She was an Assistant Professor of Classics at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN (2001-2005) and Associate Professor of Classics at Saint Peter's University, Jersey City, NJ (2005-2014). She is now an Instructor in the Department of Classics at Rutgers University.