

**National Greek Exams - Syllabus - Attic Tragedy Exam
For High School and Collegiate Students**

This syllabus should be used in conjunction with the syllabi for the previous Attic Exams (found on the website).

I. Forms

Adjective, Nouns, Pronouns: dual

Subordinating Conjunctions: see Syntax and Grammar - Subordinate Clauses below

Verbs:

Voice - Passive - all tenses and moods, including infinitives and participles

Irregular verbs: ἦμαι, κεῖμαι

- μι verbs: ἴημι

Word Formation: aphaeresis; synizesis; suffix: -ηι, -σε

II. Grammar and Syntax

Case Usage:

Genitive: subjective; objective; of price / value; of material; of measure;
with certain adjectives / adverbs / verbs; with prepositions: ἀμφί, ἄτερ,
ἔμπροσθεν, ἐναντίον, μέχρι, ὀπίσθεν, παρά, πλησίον

Dative: of advantage / disadvantage; with certain adjectives / adverbs / verbs;
with the preposition: ἄμα

Accusative: accusative absolute; cognate; of specification

Subordinate Clause:

Adverbial: accusative absolute

temporal (ἄχρι)

Other: use of the optative in secondary sequence; correlatives; τὰ + genitive;

use of the article to nominalize participles/infinitives/prepositional phrases, etc.

III. Meter

Terms: foot; iamb; caesura; diaeresis

Meters: iambic trimeter

IV. Mythical Content and Knowledge of Greek Drama

Mythical Content:

-Olympian immortals: name(s), standard epithets, usual sphere(s) of influence
(consult the Introductory Syllabus)

-events preceding, during, resulting from the Trojan War and the Atreidae

-the Argonauts and Jason and Medea

-events preceding Hercules' birth, his life and death

-the Theban cycle, Oedipus' life and death

Greek Drama:

-general time and place of Sophocles, Euripides

-general information about the genre and competition of Attic tragedy

-technical terms such as *parodos*, *choros*

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AIDS (VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR) WILL BE GIVEN AS NEEDED.