

Archaic Greek Lyric (GRE4316)

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The course serves as an introduction to Archaic Greek melic (sung) poetry. We will begin by reading a selection of extant fragments of Alcman, Sappho, Alcaeus, Anacreon, Ibycus, Simonides and Stesichorus (Weeks 1-4). In the second part of the class we will dwell on the rich culture of melic *mousikê* of the first part of the 5th c. BCE, in particular on the genres of dithyramb, paian, and various sub-types of epinikion (victory ode), attested in the corpora of Pindar and Bacchylides. In addition to gaining extensive experience with different forms of Archaic melic poetry, students will learn the fundamentals of Greek lyric meters.