

Greek Tragedy: A Restful Rigor Preceptorial

Tuesdays at 8:00am MT, Beginning August 2025

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Overview

This preceptorial offers support for Lutheran students reading through the entirety of the extant tragedies from the Greek playwrights Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides. Focused on faith-based dialogue, students will be immersed in the myths of the Greeks placed on the stage during the “Golden Age” of Athens (5th century BC). We will examine how these plays have influenced Western culture and literature, as well as apply lessons learned from the readings to our own lives. This preceptorial will have once a week live sessions online for one hour.

What Does a Live Session Look Like?

Live sessions for this preceptorial will meet once a week for approximately one hour. Students will come to the session having already completed the reading, prepared for questions and discussion. Class will begin with prayer and catechesis relevant to the reading. Several students will be selected to read a prepared recitation or monologue from the week’s reading. The instructor will share some tasteful classical works of art inspired by the tragedy and pose a few discussion questions. Dialogue will ensue regarding several repeating features of the tragedies, including the themes of discovery and reversal. Students will share observations regarding similarities and differences between other tragedies. Class will culminate with faith-based application to the students’ lives, including the Lutheran doctrines of original sin, law and gospel, revealed and natural law, two kingdoms, theology of the cross and theology of glory, baptism, the Lord’s Supper, faith and reason, and vocation. The live session will wrap up with a preview of the reading for the next session.

Tuition for 2025-2026

This tuition guarantees at least 15 meeting during each semester. (16 meetings are planned for each semester; the guarantee of 15 meetings allows me to cancel or post-pone due to family illness or emergency.) If, for some unforeseeable reason, I am not able to provide 15 meetings, I will prorate a refund to each family.

Registration (only once)	\$50
First Semester	\$400
Second Semester	\$400
Sibling Discount/Preceptorial Teacher Discount (per semester)	\$100

Instructor Biography

Marie MacPherson lives in Casper, Wyoming with her husband and seven children. She is a homeschool mom, licensed teacher, and classical educator certified by CCLE. Marie is currently enrolled in a Great Books Master’s program with Memoria College online.



Please email the instructor (m.macpherson.rr@gmail.com) to see the full syllabus, including calendar, assignments, and registration form.