This upper-level undergraduate course introduces students to the language and literature of late ancient Egypt. Through reading a variety of Coptic texts and studying the grammar of Sahidic dialect, participants will become familiar with the basic patterns of structuring words, phrases, and sentences in this language; develop their capacity to analyze and understand original manuscript pages of the Coptic Gospel of Thomas; and learn about different Christian groups and movements in late antique Egypt (ca. 200-500 CE). Students will engage with these subjects through quizzes, exams, classroom reports, and in-class discussions.