



School of Art History, Classics & Religious Studies
CLASSICS
LATI 332: ADVANCED LATIN LITERATURE
TRIMESTER 1 2010
1 March to 4 July 2010

Dates

Teaching dates: 1 March 2010 to 4 June 2010

Mid-trimester break: 5 April to 18 April 2010

Study week: 7 June to 11 June 2010

Examination/Assessment period: 11 June to 4 July 2010 (Students *must* be available to sit the final examination at any point during examination period.)

Withdrawal Dates

Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds.aspx>

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Class Times

and Locations

Livy, *Ab Urbe Condita* Book VI (Cambridge)
(3 hours a week for 6 weeks starting on March
1; Mon, Thur, Fri 12-1, OK523)

Statius, *Silvae IV* (Bristol)
(3 hrs for 6 weeks in the second half of
trimester 1, Mon, Thur, Fri 12-1, OK 523)

Course Delivery

The course will be delivered in a seminar format featuring discussion of text that has been translated prior to class by the students. There will be readings in the secondary literature on occasion. It is essential that students keep up so that they may receive the most benefit from instruction and discussion. Students will also be making an oral presentation to the class at some point during the trimester.

Communication of Additional Information

Any additional information (terms lists, changes, unofficial exam results, etc) will be posted on the Departmental notice board on the FIFTH floor of OLD KIRK. A notice giving examination times and places for all courses taught in the Classics will also be posted there when this information is available. The Classics WWW page (www.victoria.ac.nz/classics) contains useful information on Classics in general.

Course Content

This course will read in Latin and discuss excerpts from Book 6 of Livy's *Ab Urbe Condita* and Statius' *Silvae* 4.

Learning Objectives

1. To increase fluency and speed in reading Latin.
2. To think critically about the language and the authors in question.

By the end of the course the student should have:

- a. Read a substantial amount of book 6 of Livy's *Ab Urbe Condita* and Statius' *Silvae* 4
- b. Been introduced to the main themes of the texts and issues around the aims and methods of their authors;
- c. Come to clearer notion of the place that Livy and Statius hold in the development of Roman literature.

The assessment will assess how well you have achieved these objectives.

Expected Workload

In order to complete the course successfully an average student should expect to spend about 14 hours per week for 12 weeks. This includes 3

hours of class time and the balance translating the set-texts. Workload could be heavier than this in weeks a) when the students have to make a presentation and b) when a written assignment is due. Proper preparation for the final examination will take additional time. Some students may need more time, others less. Students who do considerably less than this and who perhaps don't come to class need to understand that they may leave themselves with a) little knowledge and b) a poor grade by the end of the trimester.

Readings (Essential and Required Texts)

Livy, *Ab Urbe Condita* Book VI (Cambridge)

Statius, *Silvae* 4 (Bristol)

For the first two weeks of trimester all undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre foyer, while postgraduate textbooks and student notes will be available from the top floor of vicbooks in the Student Union Building, Kelburn Campus. After week two all undergraduate textbooks will be sold from vicbooks and student notes from the Student Notes Distribution Centre on the ground floor of the Student Union Building.

Customers can order textbooks and student notes online at www.vicbooks.co.nz or can email an order or enquiry to enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz. Books can be couriered to customers or they can be picked up from the shop. Customers will be contacted when they are available.

Opening hours are 8.00 am – 6.00 pm, Monday – Friday during term time (closing at 5.00 pm in the holidays). Phone: 463 5515.

Assessment Requirements (Out of 100%)

In-class presentation (5%)

A ten minute oral presentation of a topic or article to the class on a topic relevant to the course to be determined in conjunction with the course

instructors, roughly half will treat the Livy and the remainder Statius. Students will be graded on the quality of information they convey and on the effectiveness of their oral presentation.

Essay (20%):

An essay on the Livy, *Book 6* on a subject to be determined in conjunction with the instructor, 1500-2000 words in length, due Monday 19 April, 5:00 PM (please no late papers; you have the break.)

Grammatical/Content Commentary (15%):

A critical commentary of about 1000 words on a passage (**designated by the instructor**) from Statius *Silvae* 4. More information will be forthcoming on this assignment, but know that at least half of the grade will depend on the student's ability to demonstrate correct knowledge of the grammar employed by Statius. This is due Friday 4 June, 5:00 PM.

Final Examination (60%):

A three-hour examination paper to be held at the time determined by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (during the examination period: *Friday 11 June to Saturday 4 July 2010*). The examination will consist of both seen and unseen passages, including both prose and poetry, covering the authors and material read during the course. Some grammatical identification and commentary will be required.

Penalties

Extensions must be sought through the instructor prior to the due date of an assignment. In the absence of an extension overdue work will be penalised by 5% per day at the discretion of the instructor. Workload issues don't constitute a compelling reason for the request of an extension. Work that has still not come in by the time the examination period has started runs the risk of not being accepted at all. Students who are (nearly) always late with their work should consider that they put instructors in a terrible place vis-à-vis their fellow students who turn in their work on time.

Mandatory Course Requirements

All assessed work is mandatory.

Class Representative

A class representative will be elected in the first class, and that person's name and contact details will be available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students.

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

Academic integrity means that university staff and students, in their teaching and learning are expected to treat others honestly, fairly and with respect at all times. It is not acceptable to mistreat academic, intellectual or creative work that has been done by other people by representing it as your own original work.

Academic integrity is important because it is the core value on which the University's learning, teaching and research activities are based. Victoria University's reputation for academic integrity adds value to your qualification.

The University defines plagiarism as presenting someone else's work as if it were your own, whether you mean to or not. 'Someone else's work' means anything that is not your own idea. Even if it is presented in your own style, you must acknowledge your sources fully and appropriately. This includes:

- Material from books, journals or any other printed source
- The work of other students or staff
- Information from the internet
- Software programs and other electronic material
- Designs and ideas
- The organisation or structuring of any such material

Find out more about plagiarism, how to avoid it and penalties, on the University's website:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx>

Use of Turnitin

Student work provided for assessment in this course may be checked for academic integrity by the electronic search engine

<http://www.turnitin.com>. Turnitin is an online plagiarism prevention tool which compares submitted work with a very large database of existing material. At the discretion of the Head of School, handwritten work may be copy-typed by the School and subject to checking by Turnitin.

Turnitin will retain a copy of submitted material on behalf of the University for detection of future plagiarism, but access to the full text of submissions is not made available to any other party.

GENERAL UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND STATUTES

Students should familiarise themselves with the University's policies and statutes, particularly the Assessment Statute, the Personal Courses of

Study Statute, the Statute on Student Conduct and any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied; see the *Victoria University Calendar* or go to the Academic Policy and Student Policy sections on:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy>

The AVC(Academic) website also provides information for students in a number of areas including Academic Grievances, Student and Staff conduct, Meeting the needs of students with impairments, and student support/VUWSA student advocates. This website can be accessed at:

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcacademic/Publications.aspx