



# LATI 332

## Advanced Latin Literature

Trimester 1 2012





School of Art History, Classics and Religious Studies

CLASSICS, GREEK & LATIN

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5 March to 4 July 2012

**Trimester Dates**

Teaching dates: 5 March 2012 to 8 June 2012

Mid-trimester break: 6 April 2012 to 22 April 2012

Study week: 11 June to 14 June 2012

Examination/Assessment period: Friday 15 June to Wednesday 4 July 2012

(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**

Plautus, *Amphitruo* (Cambridge)

3 hours a week for 6 weeks starting on 5 March; Mon, Tue, Thu 15:10-1600, OK523.

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

3 hours a week for 6 weeks starting on 30 April; Mon, Tue, Thu 15:10-1600, OK523.

**Course Prescription**

Literary and/or historical texts for translation, comment on subject matter, language and literary setting.

### **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 will be posted on the Programme 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](http://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 Plautus' *Amphitruo*.

### **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:

Read a substantial amount of book 6 of Livy's *Ab Urbe Condita* and Plautus' *Amphitruo* and

- a. Been introduced to the main themes of the texts and issues around the aims and methods of their authors;
- b. Come to clearer notion of the place that Livy and Plautus 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)
- Plautus, *Amphitruo* (Cambridge)

All undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre foyer from 13 February to 16 March 2012, 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 of the trimester all undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from vicbooks on Level 4 of the Student Union Building.

Customers can order textbooks and student notes online at [www.vicbooks.co.nz](http://www.vicbooks.co.nz) or can email an order or enquiry to [enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz). Books can be couriered to customers or they can be picked up from nominated collection points at each campus. 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 Plautus' *Amphitruo*. Students will be graded on the quality of information they convey and on the effectiveness of their oral presentation.

### Grammatical/Content Commentary (15%):

A commentary on the grammar and/or content of a passage from Plautus' *Amphitruo* will be due Monday 23 April 2012, 5.00 pm, 1500 words in length, (please no late papers; you have the April Study Break).

### 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 Friday 18 May 2012, 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 15 June to Wednesday 4 July 2012*). 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 is still not done 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.

### **WHERE TO FIND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION**

Find key dates, explanations of grades and other useful information at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study). Find out how academic progress is monitored and how enrolment can be restricted at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress). Most statutes and policies are available at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy), except qualification statutes, which are available via the *Calendar* webpage at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/calendar.aspx](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/calendar.aspx) (See Section C).

Other useful information for students may be found at the website of the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Academic), at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about\\_victoria/avcacademic](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcacademic).