



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF ART HISTORY, CLASSICS, AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

CLASSICS PROGRAMME

LATI 330 / Advanced Latin Literature

TRIMESTER 1 2013

4 March – 3 July 2013

Trimester dates

Teaching dates: 4 March to 7 June 2013

Easter break: 28 March to 3 April 2013

Mid-trimester break: 22–28 April 2013

Study week: 10–14 June 2013

Examination/Assessment Period: 14 June to 3 July 2013

Students who enrol in this course must be able to attend the examination for this course at the University at any time during the scheduled examination period.

Withdrawal dates

Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at
www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds

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Class times and locations

Seminar times: 9:00-9:50; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Seminar venue: OK 523

Teaching/learning summary

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. During the first half of the course, at least, there will be much information posted on the Blackboard site for this course.

Course prescription

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

Course content

This course will read in Latin and discuss excerpts from Sallust's *Bellum Catilinae* and Book XIII of Ovid's *Metamorphoses*.

Learning objectives

Students who pass this course will be able to:

1. read Latin with increased fluency and speed;
2. think critically about the language and the authors in question.

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.

Readings

Set texts:

- 1) J.T. Ramsey (ed.), *Sallust: Bellum Catilinae 2nd edition* (first edition will be ok)
- 2) Neil Hopkinson (ed.), *Ovid: Metamorphoses, Book XIII* (Cambridge Greek and Latin Classics Series 2000)

**Students will need a good dictionary. Chambers Murray is a good one though almost any will do.

All undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre Foyer from 11 February to 15 March 2013, while postgraduate textbooks and student notes will be available from vicbooks' new store, Ground Floor Easterfield Building, Kelburn Parade. After week two of the trimester all undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from vicbooks, Easterfield 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 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.

Blackboard and email:

The Blackboard system will be in heavy use for this course. Check it for notices of changes to the course and for reading questions posted by the course coordinator. You will also need to check the email Blackboard knows you by at least once every two days. In the event that Mark sends you a message, he expects you to read it and take appropriate action within 48 hours. This means that you must get your email and computer access sorted soon so you can receive messages and access Blackboard. In sum, a certain degree of comfort with the computer on the part of the student is expected.

Assessment requirements (Out of 100%)

• In-class presentation (10%)

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 Sallust and the remainder Ovid. Students will be graded on the quality of information they convey and on the effectiveness of their oral presentation.

• Essay (20%):

An essay on Sallust's *Bellum Catilinae* on a subject to be determined in conjunction with the instructor, 1500-2000 words in length, due sometime on or before Friday 19 April on Blackboard.

• Grammatical/Content Commentary (20%):

A critical commentary of about 1000 words on a passage (designated by the instructor) from Ovid's *Metamorphoses XIII*. 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 Ovid. This is due Friday 7 June, 5:00 PM, in the Classics Assignment box on the fifth floor of Old Kirk.

- **Final Examination (50%):**

A three-hour examination will be given at a time determined by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences during the examination period: 14 June to 3 July 2013. The examination will consist of seen passages from both authors and one unseen passage from one of the authors. Interpretive commentary will be required along with some grammatical identification.

Penalties

Extensions should 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.

Mandatory course requirements

To gain a pass in this course each student must

- submit the essay and the commentary;
- give an in-class presentation;
- Sit the examination.

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.

Statement on legibility

Students are expected to write clearly. Where work is deemed 'illegible', the options are:

- the student will be given a photocopy of the work and asked to transcribe it to an acceptable standard (preferably typed) within a specified time frame after which penalties will apply;
- the student will be given a photocopy of the work and asked to transcribe it to an acceptable standard (preferably typed) and lateness penalties apply;
- if the student does not transcribe it to an acceptable standard, the work will be accepted as 'received' (so any associated mandatory course requirements are met) but not marked.

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>

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. Find out how academic progress is monitored and how enrolment can be restricted at www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress. Most statutes and policies are available at 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 (See Section C).

Other useful information for students may be found at the Academic Office website, at www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic.