



LATI 330

Advanced Latin Literature

TRIMESTER 1 2015



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CLASSICS PROGRAMME

LATI 330: ADVANCED LATIN LITERATURE

20 POINTS

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Important dates

Trimester dates: 2 March to 1 July 2015

Teaching dates: 2 March to 5 June 2015

Easter/Mid-trimester break: 3–19 April 2015

Study period: 8–12 June 2015

Examination/Assessment Period: 12 June to 1 July 2015

Note: students who enrol in courses with examinations must be able to attend an examination at the University at any time during the scheduled examination period.

Withdrawal dates: Refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds. If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats.

Class times and locations

Lectures: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 3:10-4:00, Old Kirk 523

Names and contact details

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Communication of additional information

Changes and general information will be announced in class; via Classics notice boards in Old Kirk Level 5, opposite rooms OK 504 and 505; via Blackboard; and by email if necessary.

Emergency changes and course information will be posted on the Classics notice boards, at the lecture room door when necessary, on Blackboard when possible and by email if needs be. Final

examination timetables will be available to students when posted by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and Victoria University. It is the student's responsibility to obtain such information and to respond appropriately.

Prescription

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

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. read advanced Latin texts with considerable fluency
2. comment critically on the use of language by the authors studied
3. be aware of the general nature of genre-specific texts (here: historiography and lyric poetry)
4. be aware of major scholarly topics associated with these authors
5. comment on matters (here: historical, stylistic, and rhetorical) discussed in the texts.

Teaching format

The class will be taught as a small seminar group, examining the Latin texts and discussing matters that arise. Students are expected to attend all classes. In addition, they will be expected to present a brief survey of a topic chosen from either of the authors.

Mandatory course requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of 50%, students must:

1. deliver a class presentation on a topic relevant to the class, chosen in conjunction with the course instructors
2. complete a short commentary on a passage in Horace, *Odes* 1 chosen in conjunction with the instructor
3. complete an essay on a topic associated with Tacitus, *Histories* Book 1 chosen in conjunction with the instructor.
4. sit the final examination.

Workload

In order to complete the course successfully an average student should expect to spend about 200 hours. This includes 3 hours of class time and 8 hours preparing texts and wider reading and assignment work each week of the trimester and 25 hours preparing for the examination.

Assessment

Assessment items and workload per item		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	Class presentation on topic associated with one of the texts (10-15 minutes).	10%	4,5	TBC (but prior to 15 May)
2	Commentary on a passage from Horace, <i>Odes</i> 1 1500-2000 words	20%	2,3,5	24 April
3	Essay on Tacitus <i>Histories</i> 1 1500-2000 words	20%	2,3,4,5	29 May

4	Final examination of 3 hours	50%	1,2,3,4, 5	TBC
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Marking Criteria

For class presentation: the ability to synthesise the topic and present this clearly to the class, using visual or written material as necessary.

For commentary: the ability to give an overview of the passage selected and discussion of salient points (literary, historical, and cultural) within this.

For essay: the ability to synthesise secondary work as well as analyse primary material and to present this in clear English to communicate the ideas of the essay.

For examination: the ability to translate accurately Latin into idiomatic English and to analyse the material for its salient points.

In all cases, the student will need to show they understand the Latin texts they are considering.

Submission and return of work

Submission of work:

- The Commentary should probably be deposited in the Assignments Box, outside OK 508, accompanied by the cover sheet provided (please mark any extensions granted!).
- The essay will be submitted on line on Blackboard.
- Work submitted in hard-copy may be collected from the Classics Administrator, Hannah Tokona, in Old Kirk 508.
- Work submitted on Blackboard will be returned there.
- Work will usually be marked within two weeks.

Extensions and penalties

Extensions

- Extensions: extensions will be granted, where circumstances warrant them, only if permission is first sought, BEFORE THE DUE DATE, from the appropriate lecturer.
- Extensions are usually only granted for illness (on production of a medical certificate) or for family bereavement (where production of evidence may be required). Students should note the granting of an extension and its date on their written work to avoid the possibility of being penalised for late submission.

Penalties

- Late work for which there has been no excuse granted will be penalised 2% per day late.
- Late work may also be awarded a grade only, without comments, and there is no guarantee that late assignments will be handed back before the final examination.
- Students who do not appear for their presentation may be penalised the full value of the assignment.

Materials and equipment and/or additional expenses

Students need to be comfortable using computers and submitting work on-line.

Set texts

Horace, Odes Book 1 (CUP).

Tacitus, Histories Book 1 (CUP).

(For information on Victoria's own student bookstore, Vicbooks, go to www.vicbooks.co.nz.)

Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course. Students may like to write the Class Rep's name and details in this box:

Class Rep name and contact details:

Student feedback

Student feedback on University courses may be found at www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library-v2/find-your-subject-librarian>
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- Victoria graduate profile: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz