

Faculty of Arts and Letters



GLOR1141 Latin basic grammar and Latin texts' reading

[45h+22.5h exercises] 8 credits

This course is taught in the 2nd semester

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Language: French
Level: First cycle

Aims

By the end of this course, students will have acquired the following:

- 1) a core Latin-French vocabulary (c. 2,000 words)
- 2) active mastery of the basics of Classical Latin (morphology and syntax)
- 4) an ability to translate intermediate level literary texts (twenty or so pages taken from classical prose-writers)

Main themes

A systematic approach to the basics of Latin grammar and critical analysis of literary texts from the classical period. The course combines theory and practice and covers the following areas: in-depth study of Latin morphology (noun, pronoun and verb); acquisition of key syntactic structures and a core vocabulary; initiation in the techniques of literary translation, based on critical analyses of classical prose works and some personal reading.

Content and teaching methods

The lectures offer :

- (1) a systematic study of Latin grammar;
- (2) analysis and commentary of several literary texts, in order to understand the most characteristic features of classical syntax and text-organization;
- (3) various exercises and cursory reading of a classical prosewriter.

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Course entry requirements: No previous knowledge of Latin is required but students who are beginners in Latin are recommended to acquire the basic notions of the grammar by taking the " Beginners' Latin" course given during the first term. Evaluation : continuous assessment throughout the year through oral testing and personal work. The end-of-year examination has a written and an oral component.

Other credits in programs

CLAS11BA	Première année de bachelier en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation classiques	(8 credits)	Mandatory
HIST12BA	Deuxième année de bachelier en histoire	(4 credits)	
LAFR11BA	Première année de bachelier en langues et littératures modernes et anciennes	(8 credits)	Mandatory