

Faculty of Arts and Letters



GLOR1482 Latin authors : prose-writing

[45h] 7 credits

This two-yearly course is taught in 2006-2007, 2008-2009,...

Teacher(s): Paul Deproost
Language: French
Level: First cycle

Aims

By the end of this course, students should be able to read, translate and comment the work of a classical Latin prose-writer studied during the course. They should also be able, by themselves, to read, translate and comment a part of a work by the same author not previously studied in class.

Main themes

The general study of "Latin authors" falls apart into two alternating complementary courses (GLOR 1482 devoted to prose texts and GLOR 1481, devoted to poetry). The initial stage of detailed translation is followed by a multi-faceted text analysis, comprising: philological analysis; language events and grammatical knowledge; placing the work within its biographical, historical and cultural context; analysing the documentary and human value of the message; addressing issues of literary criticism as they relate to a Latin text; studying literary genres; studying the exemplary value of a Latin text in the history of thought and literary aesthetics, realia. Throughout, the course makes use of the new information and communication technologies (NTIC).

Content and teaching methods

The lectures provide an exhaustive approach to the critical analysis of a classical Latin prose-writer. Students are expected to present a substantial piece of personal work, reproducing the analysis techniques demonstrated in the course on a part of the author's work studied individually. When carrying out this work, they should draw on the vast bibliographical resources available to them. The course makes use of the new information and communication technologies throughout.

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

Course entry requirements: GLOR 1141 Basic Latin grammar and text analysis.

Evaluation: Evaluation certified by an oral examination at the end of the term. This examination will test students' knowledge of topics covered in the lecture course as well as a discussion of a paper written and typed by the student. Precise guidelines for the preparation of this work will be given at the beginning of the course.

Course material: Students will be given details of the texts they are expected to obtain at the first lecture. The entire interactive course is accessible on-line on the Internet.

Other credits in programs

CLAS12BA	Deuxième année de bachelier en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation classiques	(7 credits)
CLAS13BA	Troisième année de bachelier en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation classiques	(7 credits)
HIST12BA	Deuxième année de bachelier en histoire	(4 credits)
LAFR12BA	Deuxième année de bachelier en langues et littératures modernes et anciennes	(7 credits)
LAFR13BA	Troisième année de bachelier en langues et littératures modernes et anciennes	(7 credits)