

**The Origins of the Classical Languages**

Code: 104220  
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2503702 Ancient Studies	OT	4	2

The proposed teaching and assessment methodology that appear in the guide may be subject to changes as a result of the restrictions to face-to-face class attendance imposed by the health authorities.

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**Use of Languages**

Principal working language: catalan (cat)  
Some groups entirely in English: No  
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes  
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

**Prerequisites**

This is a logical continuation of the subject 104216  
*Indo-European Languages and Peoples* (compulsory for the Degree in Sciences of Antiquity),

and, consequently, it is recommended to have previously attended it.  
It is advisable, but not essential, that students have a certain level of Eng

**Objectives and Contextualisation**

This subject is a continuation of the compulsory second year subject 104216 *Indo-European Languages and Peoples*, devoted basically to comparative phonology and a historical-cultural introduction to the Indo-European linguistic family.

Its contents aim to provide students with fundamental knowledge about the historical origins of the classical languages, combining the reading of some archaic monuments of Greek and Latin with a comparative approach to the nominal and verbal morphology of both languages from a diachronic point of view, taking also into account other languages of the Indo-European family, especially Sanskrit.

**Competences**

- Be able to express oneself orally and in writing in the specific language of history, archaeology and philology, both in one's own languages and a third language.
- Interrelate linguistic, historical and archaeological knowledge of the ancient world with knowledge of other areas of the humanities, mainly ancient literature, philosophy and art.
- Students must develop the necessary learning skills to undertake further training with a high degree of autonomy.

**Learning Outcomes**

1. Compare linguistic features of Greek and Latin to draw conclusions about their common origins.
2. Preparing an oral and written discourse in the corresponding language in a proper and organized way.
3. Submitting works in accordance with both individual and small group demands and personal styles.

## Content

### I. Theoretical part

- ◆ Unit 1. Diachronic approach to Greek and Latin: from the historical languages to Proto-Greek and Italic.
- ◆ Unit 2. Notions of apophony and prehistory of the Indo-European phonological system.
- ◆ Unit 3. Comparative morphology of Greek and Latin (I): nouns and adjectives
- ◆ Unit 4. Comparative morphology of Greek and Latin (II): pronouns and numerals
- ◆ Unit 5. Comparative morphology of Greek and Latin (III): verbal system

### II. Practical part

- ◆ Unit 1. Reading and analysis of archaic and dialectal monuments of the Greek language.
- ◆ Unit 2. Reading and analysis of archaic monuments of the Latin language and other Italic languages (esp. Oscan and Umbrian).

## Methodology

The teaching methodology of this subject will consist in alternating the theoretical exposition of each of the aforementioned units with the readings of Archaic Greek and Italic monuments.

At the beginning of the course a dossier will be delivered with the theoretical and practical contents of the subject.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

## Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Development of subject contents	37.5	1.5	1, 2
Oral and written exercises	15	0.6	
Type: Supervised			
Tutoring in small groups	4.5	0.18	1, 2
Type: Autonomous			
Performing exercises	35	1.4	
Reading of bibliography	35	1.4	1, 2

## Assessment

It is important for the student to keep in mind that the assessment also includes regular class attendance

and the completion and presentation of the exercises and the various activities proposed.

A student who has submitted an activity that can be evaluated will not be

In the final Reassessment, the student will be able to recover the mark corresponding to the exam.

## Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Class attendance and participation	10%	0	0	1, 2
Theoretical Examination	50%	3	0.12	1, 2
Work	40%	20	0.8	1, 2, 3

## Bibliography

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## Software

PDF, Power Point