

The Aeneid

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Prerequisites

NOTICE: This guide has been translated into English from Catalan and may contain translation mistakes. If in doubt, the original Catalan version prevails.

The linguistic knowledge learnt in the first-year subjects "Elements de Llengua Llatina" and "Textos Narratius Llatins" and in second-year subject "Historiografia i Oratòria Llatines" are taken for granted, and will not be explained again.

To attend this subject it is highly recommended to have passed "Elements de Llengua Llatina" i "Textos Narratius Llatins".

Language

Students must be willing to follow classes taught in Catalan and use written material in this language, but they can use in their work or their participation Spanish (or another close language).

Objectives and Contextualisation

After taking the course, students will be able to:

- Apply quick comprehension techniques of a Latin text with the help of the dictionary.
- Understand a Latin text without using the dictionary.
- Translate a text of *Aeneid* up to 20 verses in a 1.30h.

- Resolve grammatical, metric and stylistic issues related to a fragment of the Aeneid.
- Resolve issues about the structure and argument of the Aeneid.
- Associate the content of Aeneid with aspects of its subsequent tradition.

Competences

Ancient Studies

- Apply grammatical knowledge acquired in the analysis and comprehension of Latin and Greek texts.
- 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.
- Interpret texts written in Latin and Greek to understand the history and Classical civilisations.
- Interrelate linguistic, historical and archaeological knowledge of the ancient world with knowledge of other areas of the humanities, mainly ancient literature, philosophy and art.
- Make a commentary on a literary texts applying knowledge of genres, metrics and stylistics.

English and Classics Studies

- Apply the methodology of analysis and knowledge of genres, metrics and stylistics to comment on literary texts and analyse the culture and history of English-speaking countries and the ancient world.
- Demonstrate grammatical knowledge of the Greek and Latin languages and its application to the analysis and comprehension of Greek and Latin texts.
- Identify and interpret literary texts of different languages, analysing the generic, formal, thematic and cultural features according to concepts and methods of comparative literature and literary theory.
- Interpret written texts in Latin and Greek to learn about classical history and civilizations.
- Interrelate linguistic and historical knowledge of the ancient world with knowledge of other fields of the humanities, mainly literature and archaeology.

Learning Outcomes

1. Analyze the morphosyntactic components of a Latin text identifying those are specific of a literary genre or a particular linguistic variant.
2. Develop holistic commentaries on a particular aspect of the Roman world based on a reading of the Latin texts proposed.
3. Explain the context of the literary works whose characters, topics and clichés were passed down to the following tradition.
4. Identify in the Latin texts the characteristics of a particular literary genre.
5. Preparing an oral and written discourse in the corresponding language in a proper and organized way.
6. Recognise the themes and clichés contained in the Latin works being studied in the European literary and artistic traditions.
7. Recognise the themes and topics emanating from the Greek works studied in the European literary and artistic traditions.
8. Translate fragments of the Latin works proposed.
9. Use rapid text-comprehension techniques based on the semantic resources provided by a knowledge of Catalan, Spanish and, where appropriate, other Romance languages.
10. Use rapid text-comprehension techniques based on the semantic resources provided by the knowledge of Catalan, Spanish and, where necessary, other Romance languages.
11. Write a metric commentary on a Latin text in verse.
12. Write a stylistic commentary on a Latin text.

Content

I. Introduction to Vergil and the Aeneid

1. Latin literature in August's time. Historical, politic & social context.
2. Virgil. The man & the poet.
3. The Aeneid.
4. Reception and Tradition of the Aeneid.

II. Passages to be translated and discussed

III. Morphosyntax.

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Nominal morphosyntax

- Morphologic archaisms
- The greek declension in Latin
- The so-called *accusativus graecus*
- Uses of prepositions.

Verbal morphosyntax

- Imperative future
- Supin.

Sentence structure

- Conditional sentences.

IV. Stylistics

- Grammatical concordance. Hyperbaton
- Rhetorical figures (hypallage; metonymy; synechdoche; allegory; alliteration; anaphora; chiasmus; brachylogie; ellipsis; hyperbole; hendiadys; leitotes; tmesis; abusio)

V. Latin Prosody

- Vowel quantity and syllabic quantity.
- Dactylic hexameter
- Synalepha.
- Caesurae.

Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Reading comprehension	5	0.2	9, 10
Theoretical contents	10	0.4	1, 12, 11, 3, 4, 7, 6

Translation and commentary of texts	40	1.6	1, 12, 11, 3, 4, 8
Type: Supervised			
Exercises of prosody and translation	10	0.4	11, 8
Reading comprehension and morphosyntactical exercises	10	0.4	1, 9, 10
Type: Autonomous			
Daily translation	45	1.8	1, 12, 11, 5, 9, 8, 10
Obligatory readings	15	0.6	3, 4
Study of lexicon and grammar	15	0.6	9, 10

Methodology

The classes will be eminently practical. The professor will dedicate time to:

- Read, translate and comment on the proposed selection of texts.
- Provide students with mechanisms that allow them to progressively increase the volume of translated text.
- Read and understand texts in sight without the use of the dictionary.
- Correct the texts translated daily by students.
- Discuss the linguistic, literary and sociocultural content of translated texts, with a singular emphasis on aspects related to their later tradition.
- Explain the grammatical, metrical and stylistic contents based on the text.
- Explain *de realia* contents that help contextualise the text.
- Make understand the Aeneid in its historical and literary context.

Students will have to use a bilingual university dictionary; they will not be allowed to use a school dictionary

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.

Assessment

Continuous Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Participation and work at home and during the lessons	20%	0	0	1, 9, 8, 10
Reading test of Aeneid	10%	0	0	3, 4, 7, 6
Translation and commentary of a passage of Aeneid previously commented in class	20%	0	0	1, 2, 12, 11, 5, 3, 9, 4, 7, 6, 8, 10
Translation of a fragment of Aeneid not previously commented in class	40%	0	0	1, 11, 9, 8
Translation of a passage not previously commented in class	10%	0	0	1, 5, 9, 8, 10

I. Assessment

The final grade will be calculated as follows:

- Final exam (40%). Translation and commentary of a passage of *Aeneid* not previously commented in class.
- Midterm (10%). Translation of a passage of *Aeneid* not previously commented in class.
- Two reading tests of *Aeneid* (10%).
- Translation and commentary of a passage of *Aeneid* previously commented in class (20%).
- Participation and work at home and during the lessons (20%).

II. Please note:

The delivery of 2 of the assessment items (assignments / exercises / exams) excludes the possibility of obtaining the status of *No evaluable* as a final course grade.

To obtain the status Pass as a final course grade is obligatory:

1. Having done the final translation exam of a not seen passage.
2. have obtained ≥ 4 in both translation exams of a not seen passage.
3. Having done the exam of translation and comment of a passage previously seen in class.
4. Having done one part of reading test of the Aeneid.
5. Have obtained ≥ 4 in classwork and homework.

III. Reassessment

For the Re-assessment the following conditions are applicable:

- students must have previously been assessed in a set of activities whose weight is equivalent to 85% of the total grade (items 1, 3, 4 and 5 of the previous section)
- students must have obtained a minimum grade of 3 in the average of the second examination of the translation of an unseen text and the translation of a seen text.

In the recovery phase, the student will only be able to recover the two exams of unseen translation and the one of seen translation (70%) and must obtain a minimum grade of 4 for it to be weighted with the rest of the grades.

IV. Calendar of assignments:

- Reading test of Aeneid I-VI. 14-03-2025

- Reading test of Aeneid VII-XII. 16-05-2025
- Midterm exam. 28-03-2025
- Final exam. 20-06-2025
- Translation and commentary of a passage of Aeneid previously commented in class. 18-06-2025

V. Procedure for Reviewing Grades Awarded

On carrying out each evaluation activity, lecturers will inform students of the procedures to be followed for reviewing all grades awarded, and the date on which such a review will take place.

VI. Plagiarism and copying

In the event of a student committing any irregularity that may lead to a significant variation in the grade awarded to an assessment activity, the student will be given a zero for this activity, regardless of any disciplinary process that may take place. In the event of several irregularities in assessment activities of the same subject, the student will be given a zero as the final grade for this subject.

This subject does not incorporate single assessment.

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Software

Students do not need specific software

Language list

Name	Group	Language	Semester	Turn
(PAUL) Classroom practices	1	Catalan	second semester	morning-mixed
(PAUL) Classroom practices	2	Catalan	second semester	morning-mixed