

Elements of Latin

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Ancient Studies	FB	1
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Teaching groups languages

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Prerequisites

Since the students can present different degrees of knowledge of the Latin language, efforts will be made to level them so that the group ends up being as homogeneous as possible. It will be based on the knowledge acquired during the pre-university stage, trying to consolidate its linguistic bases and, at the same time, expand them, to successfully face the subject "Textos Narratius Llatins" that is taught in the second semester.

The student who does not have previous knowledge of the Latin language will have to make an additional effort. The faculty will provide support materials and tutorial help, but the student will be responsible for making an effort to reach the required level.

Working language

The student must be willing to follow the classes taught in Catalan and to use materials written in that language (without excluding others), but, obviously, they can use Spanish in their work or in their participation in class (or, given the case, some other language agreed with the teacher).

Objectives and Contextualisation

The fundamental objective is the acquisition of the basic mechanisms for the correct understanding and translation of Latin texts through the progressive fixation of phonetic, morphological, syntactic, lexical and semantic content. It is, therefore, a propaedeutic and instrumental subject, with a strong practical component.

The training objectives that are intended are the following:

- 1) Consolidation of basic instrumental knowledge (theoretical and practical) of Latin grammar.
- 2) Acquisition of a solid grammatical base for the study of classical texts.
- 3) Acquisition of a lexical background that allows one to dispense with dictionaries.
- 4) Reading, understanding, translation and commentary on a selection of texts by various authors.
- 5) Familiarization with the main grammars and dictionaries of the Latin language.
- 6) Contact with the first bibliographic repertoires, databases and online resources.
- 7) Reading in translation of a work of Latin literature.

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.
- Students must develop the necessary learning skills to undertake further training with a high degree of autonomy.

English and Classics Studies

- Demonstrate grammatical knowledge of the Greek and Latin languages and its application to the analysis and comprehension of Greek and Latin texts.
- Interpret written texts in Latin and Greek to learn about classical history and civilizations.
- Produce effective written work or oral presentations adapted to the appropriate register in distinct languages.
- Students must develop the necessary learning skills in order to undertake further training with a high degree of autonomy.

Learning Outcomes

1. Analyse the morpho-syntactic components of a Greek and Latin text, identifying those that are internal to the narrative genre.
2. Apply the techniques that help towards a rapid overall understanding of Greek and Latin texts.
3. Autonomously searching, selecting and processing information both from structured sources (databases, bibliographies, specialized magazines) and from across the network.
4. Explain the gist of a text without any need for a prior morpho-syntactic analysis or the use of a dictionary.
5. Extract information from the Greek and Latin texts on aspects of realia especially related to their historical and cultural context.
6. Preparing an oral and written discourse in the corresponding language in a proper and organized way.
7. Translate fragments of the Latin works proposed.
8. Translate fragments of the proposed Latin works.
9. Write a morpho-syntactic commentary on a Latin text.

Content

INTRODUCTION:

1. The concept of Indo-European. Indo-European languages. Status of Latin among Indo-European languages.
2. Latin, an inflected language. Diachrony of the Latin language: from the first inscriptions to Neo-Latin.

CONTENTS OF LATIN LANGUAGE:

3. Nominal morphology. Nominal categories and declension mechanisms.
4. Peculiarities of the adjective. The degrees (comparative and superlative) and their complements.
5. The pronouns (personal, demonstratives, indefinite and relative).
6. Prepositions and adverbs.
7. Verbal morphology. Systematic structure of the Latin verb. The indicative and subjunctive tenses. Nominal forms of the verb (present and perfect participle; present and perfect infinitive).
8. Basic sentence syntax: Accusative of direction; ablative as the 2nd term of a comparison; locative.
8. Complex Sentence Syntax: relative clauses, substantive clauses of ut and infinitive and temporal and historical cum.

COMPULSORY READING: Apuleius, The Golden Ass.

Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
READING AND TEXT COMPREHENSION	25	1	2, 9, 5, 7
THEORETICAL-PRACTICAL EXHIBITIONS OF THE GRAMMATICAL CONTENTS	18.5	0.74	2, 3, 9, 7
Type: Supervised			
CORRECTION OF MORPHOSYNTAX AND LEXICON EXERCISES	15	0.6	9, 5, 7
TUTORIALS	5	0.2	7
Type: Autonomous			
PERSONAL STUDY	20	0.8	3, 9, 5, 7
PREPARATION OF THE PROPOSED EXERCISES AND TEXTS	45	1.8	3, 9, 5, 7
READING OF A LATIN LITERARY WORK IN TRANSLATION	5	0.2	3

Students will be divided into three groups according to their level of knowledge. Students may not change groups without the express authorization of the teachers responsible for the subject. These changes, in the event that there are any, will be produced as a general rule at the initiative of the teaching team. The possible requests of the students in this sense will be attended but submitted to strictly academic criteria, and therefore those non-binding. The decision of the teachers will be unappealable.

The professorat will dedicate time to: The professor and the students will dedicate time to:

- 1) Read and understand texts by sight.
- 2) Read, understand, translate and comment on a selection of texts.
- 3) Correct the exercises and texts prepared individually by the students.
- 4) Work specifically on vocabulary through practical activities
- 5) Explain grammatical content.
- 6) Explain literary, cultural, historical or social content that helps to contextualize the text.

The student will have to be responsible for preparing the exercises that are proposed and for doing the compulsory reading.

Since numerous research studies attest that reading on paper improves the comprehension and retention of contents, while allowing for a better critical reflection, we highly recommend to print the materials on the CV, and to complete activities and exercises on paper.

On the other hand, the use of digital devices (tablets or laptops) and mobiles in the classroom are restricted to teaching activities, and always under the professor's consent.

The student is recommended to use a university dictionary (or several) for the preparation of the texts, and to do without the schooldictionary that he has been using until now.

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

Continous Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
EXERCICI DE MORFOSINTAXI I LÈXIC	10%	1.5	0.06	1, 2, 7
FINAL EXAM OF COMPREHENSION OF LATIN TEXTS WITH EXERCISES OF MORPHOSYNTAX AND VOCABULARY	35%	1.5	0.06	1, 2, 3, 9, 6, 4, 5, 7
MORPHOSYNTAX AND VOCABULARY EXAM	10%	1.5	0.06	1, 9, 6
READING CONTROL	10%	1.5	0.06	9, 6, 5, 7
RESOLUTION OF ACTIVITIES ON CV, ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION	10%	9	0.36	2, 3, 9, 5, 7
UNDERSTANDING TEST OF ONE OR SEVERAL LATIN TEXTS WITH EXERCISES OF MORPHOSYNTAX AND LEXICON	25%	1.5	0.06	1, 2, 9, 6, 4, 7, 8

This subject does not incorporate single assessment.

I. EXERCISES AND EVALUATION TESTS

The evaluation of the student will be based on the collection of the following evidence:

- 1) Resolution of virtual activities of morphosyntax and lexicon. Percentage (along with attendance): 10%
- 2) A vocabulary and grammar test. This test will be worth 20%.
- 3) A test on required reading. This test will be worth 10%.
- 4) A comprehension test of one or more Latin texts with morphosyntax and vocabulary exercises. This test will be worth 25%.
- 5) A final comprehension test of one or more Latin texts with morphosyntax and vocabulary exercises. This test will be worth 35%.

II. CONDITIONS TO BE EVALUATED

NOT ASSESSABLE

The students that appear in the final report, of which the professor does not have two or more evidences of those described, will be qualified as NOT EVALUABLE.

ASSESSABLE

If the teacher has two or more pieces of evidence from the student, the student will be graded on the scale from failing to excellent (or MH), according to the percentages described below. Students who have obtained an average equal to or greater than 5 will have passed the subject; It is a requirement for this condition to have appeared in all the tests of the subject.

Students who obtain an average of less than 5 will have to sit, if applicable, a retake exam.

III. RECOVERY CONDITIONS

In order to be able to appear for the recovery, it will be necessary to have at least a 3.5 grade point average for the course. To be able to appear for the recovery it will be necessary to have presented all the exams of the subject. The recovery exam will substitute the grade of the last two exams (4-5), and will only give an option to a grade of 5.

IV. SCHEDULE OF EXERCISES AND EVALUATION TESTS

- 1) Morphosyntax and lexicon test. Percentage: 20%. Date: October 2023.
- 2) Comprehension test of Latin texts with morphosyntax and vocabulary exercises. Percentage: 25%. November 2023.
- 3) Test on reading. Percentage: 10%. Date: December 2023.
- 4) Final comprehension test of a text (or several) not seen in class with lexical morphosyntax exercises. Percentage: 35%. Date: January 2024

In the event that a student cannot attend a partial test or the final make-up test on the scheduled day, they will not have the opportunity to repeat the exam, unless the professor considers it appropriate in view of the supporting documentation of the reason. of the absence

V. GRADE REVIEW PROCEDURE

The student has the right to review all the exercises and midterm and final exams in class and/or during tutorial hours for the subject.

For the review of the provisional final grade and that of the make-up test, a day will be set that will be announced in a timely manner in the subject's CV.

The students have the obligation to consult the grade record of the subject before its closure to ensure that there has been no error in the transfer of grades by the teachers.

VI. PLAGIARISM

In the event that the student performs any irregularity that may lead to a significant variation in the grade of an evaluation act, this evaluation act will be graded with 0, regardless of the disciplinary process that may be instituted. In the event that various irregularities occur in the evaluation acts of the same subject, the final grade of this will be 0.

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Software

No special software is needed.

Groups and Languages

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(PAUL) Classroom practices	1	Catalan	first semester	morning-mixed
(PAUL) Classroom practices	2	Catalan	first semester	morning-mixed