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CLASSICS, GREEK & LATIN
LATI 331—ADVANCED LATIN LITERATURE

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TRIMESTER 2, 2009

13 July to 15 November 2009

Trimester dates:

Teaching dates: 13 July to 16 October

Study week: 19 to 23 October

Examination/Assessment period: 27 October to 15 November

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Please note that in courses such as LATI 331, which will be assessed partially by a Final Examination, students should be able to attend an examination at Victoria University of Wellington at any time during the formal examination period.

Names and contact details:

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Except when in class or in meetings the lecturers are generally available, although specific meetings may be arranged by appointment.

Class times and locations:

LATI 331 class meeting times: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 1.10-2.00 pm

LATI 331 class meeting venue: OK 524

Course delivery:

LATI 331 will be delivered in a combination of lecture, tutorial and seminar formats. For each class as assigned daily, students are expected to prepare and translate portions of text, and to learn appropriate vocabulary. Students will best be prepared to participate in class by translating passages of Latin as assigned and required daily. Students who have not prepared the assignment, however, should attend and participate, since additional information and material often will be delivered during the in-class translation as issues arise within the set text.

Communication of additional information:

Any additional information or information on changes will be posted on the departmental noticeboards on Level 5 Old Kirk and at the door of OK 524. A notice giving examination times and places for all courses taught in the Classics Department will be posted on the noticeboards as noted, as well as on Blackboard. Additionally Mark Masterson will post information specific to classes and activities he is grading on Blackboard.

Course content:

LATI 331 continues and builds on LATI 330. Students who pass this course should be able to read and translate passages of the Flavian period author Valerius Flaccus' *Argonautica* and the fourth-century historian Ammianus Marcellinus' *Res Gestae*.

Learning objectives:

Students who pass the course will have increased their understanding of the Latin language, their fluency in reading Latin, and their knowledge and critical appreciation of Latin literature, particularly the prose of Ammianus Marcellinus and the poetry of Valerius Flaccus.

Graduate attributes:

Students who undertake and accomplish this course will increase their knowledge of vocabulary commonly used in reading Latin from the periods noted, as well as their understanding of the underlying syntactical systems involved. In addition they will increase their ability to read and comprehend Latin prose and poetry through translation and commentary, particularly through reading works of the authors mentioned and discussing their content. As with all Latin courses, the learning objectives of this course contribute to the attainment of specific attributes in the areas as noted above. For more details, please consult our website <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/classics/>

Expected workload:

It is recommended that students spend at least an average of 240 hours comprehensively over the twelve-week trimester, break, study week and examination period of this course in preparation for and participation in class. The amount of time may vary, however, from week to week and from student to student. In order to pass the course students should pass each of the internal assessments, the presentation and essay, along with the examination noted above.

Readings—Essential texts:

Ammianus Marcellinus. *Res Gestae*, excerpts.

Valerius Flaccus. *Argonautica* Book 1, introduction; Book 6.

The text of the *Argonautica* is available from the Bibliotheca Teubneriana Latina (BTL 4) database on the Victoria University Library website and the *Res Gestae* will be available from Hannah in the programme office for a nominal charge.

Readings—Recommended reading:

Both before and after the August study break, while reading Valerius Flaccus' *Argonautica* and Ammianus Marcellinus' *Res Gestae* the lecturers may suggest further readings and bibliography, which may be useful for learning and understanding more about each author and the specific text being read, as well as for presentations, essays and commentaries. Such bibliography will be made available in class and/or on Blackboard.

Assessment requirements:

Learning Latin and gaining fluency is a cumulative process. Each step builds on the previous one and is increased through preparation and practice. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, it is strongly recommended that students prepare for the final examination by attending at least 75% of all classes and complete all preparation for each class—as well as to participate in each class. Learning vocabulary, grammar and grammatical constructions are necessary and useful complements to translation. All assignments must be submitted by the due dates, as noted unless there are medical or other demonstrable extenuating circumstances. Variances will be considered upon application—preferably before the event.

13 July-23 August—Valerius Flaccus, *Argonautica*, Book 1 (excerpts), Book 6.

7 September-18 October—Ammianus Marcellinus, *Res Gestae* (excerpts).

In-class presentation 5%: A ten minute oral presentation of an article to the class on a topic relevant to the course to be determined in conjunction with the course instructors, roughly half will treat the *Argonautica* and roughly half the *Res Gestae*.

Essay 20%: An essay on the *Argonautica* on a subject to be determined in conjunction with the instructor, 1500-2000 words in length, due Monday 24 August.

Commentary 15%: A critical commentary of about 1500 words on a passage from Ammianus Marcellinus chosen in consultation with the instructor, due Friday 16 October at 5.00 pm.

Note that written work submitted after the due date, for which an extension has not been granted, will be accepted only until Monday 18 October 2009 at 5.00 pm. Assessments should be handed personally to the respective lecturer or placed in the locked assignment box outside OK 508. You should never throw out notes or rough drafts of an assignment until you have received your marked essay or commentary.

Final Examination 60%: A three-hour examination paper to be held at the time determined by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. The examination will consist of both seen and unseen passages, including both prose and poetry, covering the authors and material read during the course. Some grammatical identification and commentary will be required.

Penalties:

Penalties for late submission of assessments may incur a penalty of 5% per each day that the assessment is late.

Mandatory course requirements:

The assessment and internal course work is designed to allow both students and lecturers to evaluate their progress in accomplishing the objectives of the course. As a result, students are expected to prepare for and to participate in classes. In order to pass the course students must pass each of the in-class presentation, the essay, the commentary and the examination as noted above.

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Students should familiarise themselves with the University's policies and statutes, particularly the Assessment Statute, the Personal Courses of Study Statute, the Statute on Student Conduct and any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied; see the *Victoria University Calendar* or go to the Academic Policy and Student Policy sections on:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy>

The AVC (Academic) website also provides information for students in a number of areas including Academic Grievances, Student and Staff conduct, Meeting the needs of students with impairments, and student support/VUWSA student advocates. This website can be accessed at:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/Publications.aspx>

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- Designs and ideas
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