

CLU33483 Latin Close Reading with Project

Topic 2026-27: Latin Prose Styles

Module Code	CLU33483				
Module Name	Latin Close Reading with Project				
ECTS Weighting	10 ECTS				
Semester taught	Semester 1				
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Module Learning Outcomes with embedded Graduate Attributes	<p>On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:</p> <p>LO1. Fluently read Latin texts of moderate difficulty with the aid of dictionaries and commentaries</p> <p>LO2. Translate and analyse the prescribed texts</p> <p>LO3. Produce a cohesive and fully-supported close reading of a given passage, including comment on style, register, rhetorical features and literary tropes</p> <p>LO4. Comment on the relation of the prescribed texts to their historical, literary and cultural contexts</p> <p>LO5. Translate unseen Latin extracts of similar genres, style or content as the studied Latin texts into idiomatic English</p> <p>LO6. Manage and time-manage an original project to its successful completion.</p>				
Module Content	<p>This module will involve close and detailed study of Latin prose texts, with the twofold aim of increasing fluency in reading and enhancing appreciation of the authors' style, literary and rhetorical technique. Through translation and discussion of prescribed sections of the text, we will explore the ways in which Roman writers employ devices such as verbal patterning, metaphor and linguistic register, and how these features affect readers' response to their work.</p> <p>This year's module will focus on the stylistic variety of Latin prose, including authors and texts that are not explored in your Latin programme. While refining your close reading skills, you will also acquire a broad view of the development of literary Latin and the diversity of its registers beyond the traditional literary canon.</p> <p>Your independent project will focus on a topic, technique or author of your choice, enlarging on the selection of text set for the class, i.e. reading more widely and thinking critically and creatively (word limit: 3000 words). The format of the project may be creative (e.g. video, podcast, roundtable/debate with transcription): you will have opportunities to discuss your ideas and receive guidance during the course of the project development meetings.</p>				
Teaching and Learning Methods	2 one-hour classes per week and 5 hours of project development in <u>alternate</u> weeks (2, 4, 6, 8, 10)				
Assessment Details	Assessment Component	Assessment Description	LO Addressed	% of total	Week due

	1.	Critical analysis	3, 4	25%	W9			
	2.	End-of-term written test (translation and comprehension)	1, 2, 5	25%	W12			
	3.	Project (incl. presentation Wk 10)	1-6	50%	W13			
Reassessment Requirements	Same as original assessment (100% coursework). Only failed components are reassessed.							
Contact Hours and Indicative Student Workload	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Contact hours: 27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent Study (preparation for course and review of materials): 110</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent Study (preparation for assessment, incl. completion of assessment): 96</td> </tr> </table>					Contact hours: 27	Independent Study (preparation for course and review of materials): 110	Independent Study (preparation for assessment, incl. completion of assessment): 96
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Recommended Reading List	<p>All primary texts will be provided in handouts and specific commentaries will be recommended in class for further study of the author/text select for textual analysis.</p> <p>Essential general works are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Reinhardt, T., Lapidge, M., and Adams, J. N., <i>Aspects of the Language of Latin Prose</i> (2004) – Clackson, J. and Horrocks, G., <i>The Blackwell History of the Latin Language</i> (2007) – Clackson, J. (ed.) <i>A Companion to the Latin Language</i> (2011) – Dominik, W., and Hall, J., <i>A Companion to Roman Rhetoric</i> (2007) – Harrison, S. J. (ed.) <i>A Companion to Latin Literature</i> (2007) 							
Module Pre-requisite	Elementary Latin II or Leaving Certificate Latin / A-Level Latin / equivalent							
Module Co-requisite	N/A							
Module Website								
Are other Schools/Departments involved in the delivery of this module?	N/A							