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Classics Culture

Academic Year: (2020 / 2021) Review date: 08-07-2020

Department assigned to the subject: Humanities: History, Geography and Art Department

Coordinating teacher: PEZZOLI , FEDERICA Type: Basic Core ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year: 2 Semester: 2

Branch of knowledge: Arts and Humanities

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

It is not necessary any previous knowledge.

OBJECTIVES

Overview of the Classical Graeco-Roman culture through the literary texts. Learning and practice of a Classical language. Introduction to the classical world and the disciplines related to its study, with particular emphasis on philological disciplines.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

Introduction to Classical Studies and to Classical languages. Morphology and syntax. Vocabulary. Translation of basic texts. Knowledge of historical and cultural context using the texts from the literary tradition. Greek literature and Latin literature through their texts.

SYLLABUS:

The syllabus consists of two sections:

1st section. GRAMMAR (LECTIONES and Grammatical contents, both online and during the sessions, see the detailed contents in the schedule).

2nd section. LITERATURE (Lectures on Classical culture).

Such contents will be explained, proportionally distributed (grammar and literature, theory and practice, translation practices), in 28 class sessions.

PRESENTATION OF THE SUBJECT

1.

GRAMMAR: LECTIO I

Classical languages: Latin and Greek. Basics of Latin language.

LITERATURE: THEME I

Classical Literature. General presentation and periods: Archaic, Classical, Hellenistic, Roman.

Homeric Epics (I)

2.

GRAMMAR: LECTIO II LITERATURE: THEME II

Homeric Epics (II)

3.

GRAMMAR: LECTIO III LITERATURE: THEME III Hesiod's didactic poetry

4.

GRAMMAR: LECTIO IV LITERATURE: THEME IV

Greek historiography (I): Herodotus

5.

GRAMMAR: LECTIO V LITERATURE: THEME V

Greek historiography (II): Thucydides

6.

GRAMMAR: LECTIO VI LITERATURE: THEME VI Classical tragedy (I). Aeschylus

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GRAMMAR: LECTIO VII LITERATURE: THEME VII

Classical tragedy (II). Sophocles, Euripides

8.

GRAMMAR: LECTIO VIII LITERATURE: THEME VIII The Old Comedy. Aristophanes

9.

GRAMMAR: LECTIO IX LITERATURE: THEME IX Plato. Philosophy and literature

10.

GRAMMAR: LECTIO X LITERATURE: SUBJECT X

Aristotle.

11.

GRAMMAR: LECTIO XI LITERATURE: THEME XI

The reception of Greek culture in Rome. Early Latin literature. Latin didactic poetry: Lucretius

12.

GRAMMAR: LECTIO XII LITERATURE: THEME XII Classical Latin Prose: Cicero

13.

GRAMMAR: LECTIO XIII LITERATURE: THEME XIII Classical Latin Poetry: Virgil

14.

GRAMMAR: Exercises LITERATURE: THEME XIV The Imperial Epoch.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Language classes. Theory and practice (2 ECTS).

Lectures on Classical Culture (2 ECTS).

Practices and personal work (2 ECTS).

The student's personal work with the materials ¿both of grammar and literature ¿ to be placed at their disposal is basic for his / her success. The exercises and practices must be fulfilled according to the attached schedule. The student must prepare himself / herself in advance for each class through the previous reading and personal work on the materials distributed online.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Continuous Assessment. Attendance to class, participation and completion of practical sessions: 20%. Language and culture practical works: 30% Final exam: 50%.

% end-of-term-examination: 60

% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Homer, Odyssey, University of Michigan Press, 2002
- Aristotle, Politics, Hackett Publishing, 1998
- null Euripides, Women on the Edge: Four Plays by Euripides: Alcestis, Medea, Helen, Iphigenia at Aulis, Routledge, 1999
- Hesiod, Theogony, Works and Days, Testimonia, Loeb Classical Library, 2006
- null Plato, The Symposium, Cambridge University Press, 2008
- Sophocles, The Theban Plays of Sophocles, The Yale New Classics Series, 2007

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