Overview of the subject

Both lines of the subject (Latin Language and Roman literature, Greek language and literature) can be studied only as minor subjects. Students can choose one or both of the lines. The subject focuses on the Greek and Roman culture of the Mediterranean area, utilizing original sources written in Greek and Latin. The historically oriented language subject aims to familiarize students with ancient Greco-Roman culture and its effects on the cultures and languages of our time, through the Middle Ages, the Renaissance and the Enlightenment.

The subject is a good minor subject choice especially for students of History or Archaeology, but also for students of language, art and culture subjects, and to others as well, because of its all-round educative nature.

Admission requirements and commencement of studies

Ancient Languages and Culture is an open subject for all attending students of the University of Oulu. Sufficient skills in Latin or Greek are a prerequisite to beginning the studies. For students who have not acquired these skills in pre-university education, for instance, the subject arranges basic- and intermediate-level courses in both languages. A basic course in Latin is sometimes also arranged at the Summer University. Languages that are useful as regards studying the subject include English, Swedish, German, French and Italian. Since only a small amount of contact teaching is available, it is required that the student be willing and able to work independently. Guidance and examinations are available on request also in English, Italian, Swedish, German, Spanish and Latin.

Study guidance

Study guidance is provided by lecturer Timo Sironen (tel. +358-8-553 3310, office hour Wed 11-12).

Learning objectives at different levels

Latin language and Roman literature
The objective of the Basic Studies (25 credits) is to familiarize students with the main features of the culture of ancient Rome, and to provide them with language skills which will enable them to understand relatively easy Latin prose independently, with the help of references. The objective of the Intermediate Studies (35 credits) is to deepen and broaden the students' skills in the Latin language and knowledge of Latin literature, as well as to broaden their view of the entire history of the Antiquity and to instruct them in the use of varied source materials.

Greek language and literature

The objective of the Basic Studies (25 credits) is to familiarize students with the main features of the culture of ancient Greece, and to provide them with language skills which will enable them to understand relatively easy Greek prose independently, with the help of references. The objective of the Intermediate Studies (35 credits) is to deepen and broaden the students' skills in the Greek language and knowledge of Greek literature, as well as to broaden their view of the entire history of the Antiquity and to instruct them in the use of varied source materials.

Employment prospects

The subject provides an opportunity to acquire the qualifications required for a teacher of Latin language. In addition, the subject will be useful for students planning to become researchers or teachers, and for students aiming at other posts requiring humanistic education (e.g. in the fields of new languages, history, art history and literature, library and museum institutions, culture and information)

Practical information

Besides contact teaching, the student will have to take a large number of examinations independently. Examinations can be taken on the examination days of History Sciences and of the Faculty, and students should register for them in WebOodi no later than 10 days prior to the examination day. It is recommendable that students agree upon the examination contents with the Lecturer beforehand.

As regards ancient nomenclature and terminology, the recommended resource is P. Castrén - L. Pietilä-Castrén, Antiikin käsikirja.

The teacher responsible for all of the study packages is Timo Sironen, Lecturer of Ancient Languages and Culture.

Courses at different levels

A) Latin language and Roman literature

Basic Studies 25 credits

700500P Basics of Latin 5 credits
700501P Advanced Course in Latin 5 credits
700502P Roman Culture and Studying the Antiquity 7 credits
700503P Guided Reading in Latin 4 credits
700504P Grammar I 4 credits

Intermediate Studies 35 credits

700505A Grammar II 3 credits
700506A Texts 15 credits
700507A Translation from Native language to Latin 3 credits
700508A Greek History and History of Greek Literature 4 credits
700509A Development of Latin 5 credits
700510A Exercise Course in Interpreting Latin 5 credits

B) Greek language and literature

Basic Studies 25 credits
700511P Basics of Greek 6 credits
700512P Advanced Course in Greek 6 credits
700513P Greek Culture and Studying the Antiquity 7 credits
700514P Easier Greek Prose 6 credits

Intermediate Studies 35 credits
700515A Homer 3 credits
700516A Texts 13 credits
700517A Grammar 9 credits
700518A History of Rome and Roman Literature 4 credits
700519A Exercise Course in Interpreting Greek 6 credits

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuuudet ja -jaksot

700512P: Advanced Course in Greek, 6 op
700501P: Advanced Course in Latin, 5 op
700511P: Basics of Greek, 6 op
700500P: Basics of Latin, 5 op
700509A: Development of Latin, 5 op
700514P: Easier Greek prose, 6 op
700519A: Exercise Course in Interpreting Greek, 6 op
700510A: Exercise Course in Interpreting Latin, 5 op
700517A: Grammar, 9 op
700504P: Grammar I, 4 op
700505A: Grammar II, 3 op
700513P: Greek Culture and studying the Antiquity, 7 op
700508A: Greek history and history of Greek literature, 4 op
700503P: Guided Reading in Latin, 4 op
700518A: History of Rome and Roman Literature, 4 op
700515A: Homer, 3 op
700502P: Roman Culture and studying the Antiquity, 7 op
Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

700512P: Advanced Course in Greek, 6 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Timo Sironen
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
6 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Timing:
1st year (generally spring)
Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, the student will be familiar with the basics of Greek grammar and essential vocabulary to such a degree that he/she will be able to assess a translation of easy classical prose critically.

Recommended optional programme components:
Basics of Greek.

Recommended or required reading:
F. Pontén - E. Sironen, Klassisen kreikan alkeisoppikirja, Helsinki 2007, or equivalent

Assessment methods and criteria:
Lectures and exercises
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Timo Sironen

700501P: Advanced Course in Latin, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Timo Sironen
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ECTS Credits: 5 credits
Language of instruction: Finnish
Timing: 1st year (generally spring).
Learning outcomes: Upon completion of the course, the student will be familiar with the basics of Latin grammar and essential vocabulary to such a degree that he/she will be able to assess a translation of easy classical prose critically.

Learning activities and teaching methods: Lectures and exercises
Recommended optional programme components: Basics of Latin
Recommended or required reading: Kallela - Palmén: Clavis Latina II or equivalent.
Grading: 0-5
Person responsible: Timo Sironen

700511P: Basics of Greek, 6 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Timo Sironen
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits: 6 credits
Language of instruction: Finnish
Timing: 1st year (generally autumn)
Learning outcomes: Upon completion of the course, the student will be familiar with the basics of Classical Greek grammar and essential vocabulary.
Recommended or required reading: F. Pontén - E. Sironen, Klassisen kreikan alkeisoppikirja, Helsinki 2007, or equivalent
Assessment methods and criteria: Lectures and exercises.
Grading: 0-5
Person responsible: Timo Sironen

700500P: Basics of Latin, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
ECTS Credits: 5 credits  
Language of instruction: Finnish  
Timing: 1st year (generally autumn).  
Learning outcomes: Upon completion of the course, the student will be familiar with the basics of Latin grammar and essential vocabulary.  
Learning activities and teaching methods: Lectures and exercises  
Recommended or required reading: Kallela - Palmén: Clavis Latina I or equivalent.  
Grading: 0-5.  
Person responsible: Timo Sironen  

700509A: Development of Latin, 5 op  
Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -  
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies  
Laji: Course  
Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities  
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail  
Opettajat: Timo Sironen  
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish  
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä  

ECTS Credits: 5 credits  
Language of instruction: Finnish  
Learning outcomes: Upon completion of the course, the student will be familiar with the main features of the history of Latin phonology, morphology and syntax.  
Recommended optional programme components: Basic Studies  
Assessment methods and criteria: Lectures or book examination  
Grading: 0-5  
Person responsible: Timo Sironen  

700514P: Easier Greek prose, 6 op
ECTS Credits:
6 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, the student will be familiar with the basics of Greek grammar and essential vocabulary to such a degree that he/she will be able to interpret the relatively easy Greek language sources used in his/her Master's thesis.

Recommended optional programme components:
Basic and Advanced Courses in Greek, or equivalent language skills

Recommended or required reading:
E.g. a book by Xenophon or Plato, or from books Appelqvist - Heikel, Scriptores Attici or Russell, An Anthology of Greek Prose selectively, or part of the New Testament. As regards metrics, either a separate course or material provided by the lecturer

Assessment methods and criteria:
Reading course and book examination

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Timo Sironen

700519A: Exercise Course in Interpreting Greek, 6 op

ECTS Credits:
6 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, the student will be familiar with Classical Greek vocabulary, grammar and factual contents to such a degree that he/she will be able to interpret and analyse Greek sources.

Recommended optional programme components:
Basic Studies

Assessment methods and criteria:
Producing a written assignment based on an ancient Greek language source, and presenting the assignment to a peer group.

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Timo Sironen
700510A: Exercise Course in Interpreting Latin, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Timo Sironen
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
5 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, the student will be familiar with Latin vocabulary, grammar and factual contents to such a degree that he/she will be able to interpret and analyse Latin language sources.

Recommended optional programme components:
Basic Studies, Grammar II recommended

Assessment methods and criteria:
Producing a written assignment based on an ancient or medieval Latin language source, and presenting the assignment to a peer group.
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Timo Sironen

700517A: Grammar, 9 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Timo Sironen
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
9 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, the student will be familiar with the morphology and syntax of Classical Greek grammar to such a degree that he/she will be able to interpret Greek language sources used in his/her Doctoral dissertation.

Recommended optional programme components:
The language studies in the Basic Studies.

Recommended or required reading:
J. Blomqvist - P. O. Jastrup, Grekisk/Graesk Grammatik or Bornemann - Risch, Griechische Grammatik, or equivalent.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Book examination
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
700504P: Grammar I, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Timo Sironen
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
4 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, the student will be familiar with the basics of Latin grammar to be used in his/her Master's thesis.
Recommended optional programme components:
Basic and Continuation Course in Latin, or equivalent language skill
Recommended or required reading:
T. Pekkanen, Ars Grammatica, or equivalent. As regards metrics, handout Roomalainen metriikka by M. Vierros is available from the lecturer.
Assessment methods and criteria:
Lecture course with exercises or book examination.
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Timo Sironen

700505A: Grammar II, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Timo Sironen
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
3 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, the student will be familiar with Latin grammar to such a degree that he/she will be able to interpret Latin language sources used in his/her Doctoral dissertation.
Recommended optional programme components:
Grammar I
Recommended or required reading:
N. Sjöstrand, Ny latinsk Grammatik, or equivalent.
Assessment methods and criteria:
Lecture or book examination.
Grading:
700513P: Greek Culture and studying the Antiquity, 7 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Timo Sironen
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
7 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, the student will be familiar with the basics of the history of ancient Greece, the history of Greek literature, Greco-Roman mythology, the sources and methods of the study of the Antiquity, and the social and cultural history of Greece.

Contents:
Greek history (2 credits), History of Greek literature (2 credits), Mythology (1 credit) Sources and methods of the study of the Antiquity (1 credit), Social and cultural history of Greece (1 credit)

Recommended or required reading:

Assessment methods and criteria:
Two book examinations or lecture courses
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Timo Sironen

700508A: Greek history and history of Greek literature, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Timo Sironen
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
4 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, the student will be familiar with the basics of the history of ancient Greece and the
history of Greek literature.

**Recommended optional programme components:**
Basic Studies

**Recommended or required reading:**
Greek history: C. Freeman, Egypt, Greece and Rome, pp. 76-293 or R. Osborne, Greek History. History of Greek
literature: S. Salih - S. Trédé, A Short History of Greek Literature or M. Kaimio - T. Oksala - H. K. Riikonen:
Antikin kirjallisuus ja sen perintö, pp. 11-112 and 180-241.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Lectures or book examination

**Grading:**
0-5

**Person responsible:**
Timo Sironen

**Other information:**
In case the student has already completed an equivalent course in the Basic Studies of Greek language and
literature, he/she should agree upon an equivalent amount of other literature with the examiner.

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**700503P: Guided Reading in Latin, 4 op**

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course

Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Timo Sironen

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**
4 credits

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish

**Learning outcomes:**
Upon completion of the course, the student will be familiar with the basics of Latin grammar and essential
vocabulary to such a degree that he/she will be able to interpret the relatively easy Latin language sources used
in his/her Master's thesis.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Lectures and exercises

**Recommended optional programme components:**
Basic and Advanced Course in Latin, or equivalent language skills

**Grading:**
0-5

**Person responsible:**
Timo Sironen

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**700518A: History of Rome and Roman Literature, 4 op**

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course

Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Timo Sironen

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä
ECTS Credits:
4 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, the student will be familiar with the basics of the history of ancient Rome and the history of Roman literature.

Recommended optional programme components:
Basic Studies

Recommended or required reading:
Roman history: C. Freeman, Egypt, Greece and Rome, pp. 299-535; History of Roman literature: H. Thesleff, Rooman kirjallisuus (in Koskimies, Maailman kirjallisuus I) or S. Morton Braund, Latin Literature.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Lectures or one book examination

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Timo Sironen

700515A: Homer, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Timo Sironen
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
3 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, the student will be familiar with the grammar and essential vocabulary of Homeric Greek.

Recommended optional programme components:
Basic Studies

Recommended or required reading:
A book from the Odyssey (e.g. 6.) and a translation of the Odyssey

Assessment methods and criteria:
Lecture or book examination

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Timo Sironen

700502P: Roman Culture and studying the Antiquity, 7 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Timo Sironen
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
ECTS Credits:
7 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
1st year

Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, the student will be familiar with the basics of the history of ancient Rome, the history of Roman literature, Greco-Roman mythology, the sources and methods of the study of the Antiquity, and the social and cultural history of Rome.

Contents:
History of Rome 2 credits, History of Roman literature 2 credits, Mythology 1 credit, Sources and methods of the study of the Antiquity 1 credit, Social and cultural history of Rome 1 credit.

Recommended or required reading:

Assessment methods and criteria:
Two book examinations or lecture courses.

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Timo Sironen
700506A: Texts, 15 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Timo Sironen
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
15 credits (Poetry texts 6 credits, prose of the classical era 4 credits, historical prose and inscriptions 5 credits)

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, the student will be familiar with Latin grammar and essential vocabulary to such a degree that he/she will be able to interpret even more demanding Latin language sources.

Recommended optional programme components:
Guided Reading in Latin.

Recommended or required reading:
To be chosen with the examiner from the following, or other literature: Prose: a speech by Cicero, Caesar, De bello Gallico (c. 1 book), Sallust, Coniuratio Catilinae, Livy, Ab urbe condita (selection), Tacitus, Germania. Poetry: Catullus, selection, Horace, Odes or Ars poetica, Virgil, Aeneis (1 book) or Eclogae (selection), Ovid, Metamorphoses (selection) or Ars Amand, The Oxford Book of Medieval Latin Poetry (selection). The selection of inscriptions can be agreed upon with the examiner.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Lectures or book examination
Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Timo Sironen

700507A: Translation from Native language to Latin, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Timo Sironen
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
3 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to translate relatively easy texts from his/her native language to Latin.

Recommended optional programme components:
Basic Studies

Assessment methods and criteria:
Lectures, exercises and final examination
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Timo Sironen