



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Latin Language Course 2.

Seminar (Erasmus)

Ádám Rung

Spring term, 2021/22

6 credits

Description

The course is going to consist of reading and grammar exercises in Latin, and it is to be tailored to the needs of the students who take it – this term, we are going on with last semester's beginners, but other students with a similar level of knowledge are welcome to join us.

Materials

The materials of the course will be chosen either from standard and widely available textbooks, or, should the students be more advanced, from primary texts and linguistic analyses. The lessons are going to be conducted in English by a non-native teacher who (apart from Classics and teaching Latin) also holds a degree in teaching English as a foreign language.

Assessment

Attendance is compulsory, but up to three absences will be tolerated, especially if substantially explained, preferably in advance. The final grade of the course is to be based on occasional short in-class quizzes, but attendance and classroom participation will also be considered when rounding.

Bibliography

Jones, P. V. & Sidwell, K. C. *Reading Latin*. Cambridge University Press, 1986.

Ancient Jewish Apocalypticism and Mysticism

Seminar (Erasmus)

Gábor Buzási

Spring term, 2021/22

6 credits

Tuesdays, 2:00-3:30 p.m., F/217

In this seminar students will be introduced to the world of ancient Jewish apocalyptic and mystical literature from the Hebrew Bible, the Old Testament apocrypha and pseudepigrapha and the Merkavah and Hekhalot texts of the Talmud and Midrash. We will also consider the Graeco-Roman religious-philosophical background as well as the early Christian context of this literary corpus. In each session we will read and discuss articles and book chapters related to individual source texts or to specific features of ancient Jewish apocalypticism and mysticism. Phenomena such as the ascent to the realm of God, the structure of the transcendent world, angelology and demonology, orthodoxy and heterodoxy will be especially in the focus of our choice of readings. The course is primarily designed for graduate students in Jewish, Classical and Religious Studies, but undergraduate students are also welcome, from other disciplines as well. The sources will be read in English, participants are not required to be able to read texts in Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek or other ancient languages, although it is an advantage if they are.

Requirements

Careful reading of the studies and the primary texts for each session.

Active participation in the discussions.

Essay on a topic related to the readings (2.500 words for MA, 1.500 words for BA students).

Deadline for proposing a title with outline and bibliography: April 12.

Deadline for submitting the essays: May 10.