



## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### **The Bible in the Graeco-Roman World**

Seminar (Erasmus)

Gábor Buzási

Fall term, 2021/22

6 credits

In this seminar students will be introduced to the reception and interpretation of the Bible in ancient Judaism, early Christianity and, to some extent, late antique paganism. In each session we will read and discuss primary texts in English translation with short articles or book chapters related to the source text. The selection will be diverse and representative, including late Hellenistic Jewish authors like Philo and Josephus; Rabbinic texts, primarily Palestinian midrashim; commentaries and homilies by Church fathers; and polemical works of pagan philosophers. 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.

## **Latin Language Course**

Seminar (Erasmus)

Ádám Rung

Fall 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, beginners are welcome!

### *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.

## **Roman Religion in Livy 2.**

Seminar (Erasmus)

Ádám Rung

Fall term, 2021/22

6 credits

### *Description:*

This course is going to consist of seminars exploring excerpts (in English and Latin) from Livy's *Ab urbe condita* that are relevant to the topic of Roman religion, such as those about the later kings, the establishment of the Republic, the siege of Veii and the Gallic sack. By reading and discussing those both as historical sources and literary texts, participants get an introduction to a number of topics from the qualities of Livy as an author, Augustan culture and Roman historiography in general to Roman myth and ritual. Even though the course is something of a continuation of an earlier one (Roman Religion in Livy, Spring 2021), new students that have not taken that are absolutely welcome and will not be at any disadvantage.

### *Assessment:*

All participants are required to be acquainted with the contents of the excerpts from Livy discussed and the compulsory pieces of secondary literature. On the final oral exam, questions on the language of the original text will be matched to each particular student's knowledge of Latin. That means that students with no previous knowledge of Latin are also welcome to join the group.

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