

Classics in Translation (A000492)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 5.0 **Study time 150 h**

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2026-2027

A (semester 1)	Dutch	Gent	independent work lecture
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Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

Maes, Yanick	LW07	staff member
Demoen, Kristoffel	LW07	lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

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Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - English)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - French)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - German)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Greek)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Italian)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Latin)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Spanish)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - Swedish)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - German)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Greek)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Italian)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Latin)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Spanish)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Swedish)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - English)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - German)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Greek)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Italian)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Latin)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Spanish)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - Swedish)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject German - Greek)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject German - Italian)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject German - Spanish)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject German - Swedish)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin - Greek)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin - Italian)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin - Spanish)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin - Swedish)	5	A
Master of Science in Teaching in Languages(main subject Linguistics and Literature)	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Greek)	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Latin)	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Historical Linguistics and Literature	5	A
Elective Set Literature	5	A
Elective Set The Classical Tradition	5	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Literature, Antiquity

Position of the course

This basic course helps students become familiar with the most important genres, authors and texts from ancient literature, and teaches them how to situate these within the socio-political, historical and literary context. At the end of the course, students will have read characteristic samples of Greek and Latin literary texts in translation.

Contents

A survey of the development of the most important literary genres is given, situated within the historical, socio-political and literary context. Besides theoretical insights and factual knowledge, texts which students have read in translation will be discussed.

As an addition to the courses, students are given a reading package with Greek and Latin texts in translation.

Initial competences

No special requirements. Knowledge of Greek or Latin is not presumed.

Final competences

- 1 To be able to situate the classical literary canon within its tradition.
- 2 To be able to relate the classical literary canon to socio-cultural facts.
- 3 To have knowledge of the importance of classical literature to the later European literary history.
- 4 To have a chronological framework for the further study of ancient literature.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

- Lectures and seminars.
- Guided independent work: personal reading.

Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: D. Knecht, De literatuur van de Romeinen

Indicative price: € 24

Optional: no

Language : Dutch

ISBN : 978-9-03821-667-6

Type: Syllabus

Name: Korte geschiedenis van de Griekse literatuur (2 volumes: Syllabus en Lectuurbundel)

Indicative price: € 25

Optional: no

Type: Reader

Name: Lectuurbundels voor Grieks en Latijn

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : Dutch

Available on Ufora : Yes

References

No specific required extra readings.

Course content-related study coaching

Specific questions can be asked after an appointment with the lecturers, or via email.

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Written assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Written assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Questions regarding the survey of ancient authors and genres; questions concerning the interpretation of the texts read in class and the personal reading list.

Calculation of the examination mark

Latin and Greek parts each for 50%.

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

1 Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance

2 Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same examination period.

3 Feedback can be given during an appointment (live or through videocall) during or after office hours.

For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and philosophy