

Course Description

Course Unit

Classical Culture

UC Code

COR1.41053

ECTS Credits

6 ECTS

Work Hours

168H (6 ECTS)

Level

BA

Academic year and Semester

2024/2025, S1

Faculty

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Class

TP 1

Language of instruction

English

Class Description

This course discusses the following topics: 1. Cultural diversity in the Mediterranean world. The Homeric poems and the age of heroes. The Iliad and the heroic arete. Odysseus and the voyage: the fantastic and the reality. 2. Culture and society in the 5th-cent BC Athens. The Athenian democracy. The Persian wars and the Athenian Empire. Aeschylus and the growth of the Athenian culture. Sophocles and tragedy. Euripides and the Athenian cultural transformation. 3. Culture in the 1st-cent BC Rome. Augustus: from the end of the Roman Republic to the beginning of the Empire. Roman myths and the Empire ideology. The Aeneid and its meaning.

Grading and Assessment

The assessment includes the following elements:

1. Individual In-class Written Exercise on Homer (15%, mandatory);
2. Group Presentation and report on Plutarch (15%, mandatory);
3. Group Presentation and report on Sophocles (15%, mandatory);
4. Group Presentation and report on Vergil (15%, mandatory);
5. Global Individual In-class Written Exercise (40%, mandatory).

The specific rules governing each element of assessment will be presented in the first session.

Bibliography

This course will be taught in English.

Prerequisites (if applicable)

This course will be taught in English.