

Course Description

Course Unit

Topics in Classical Studies - Saved by education: St Basil the Great's 'Address to the young on Hellenic education' and Background texts

UC Code

CLA5 / CLA 8 (Mestrado e Doutoramento em Estudos Clássicos)

ECTS Credits

12 ECTS

Work Hours

336H (12 ECTS)

Level

MA

Academic year and Semester

2024/2025, S1

Faculty

Ioannis Petropoulos

Class

TP 1

Language of instruction

English

Class Description

An analysis of St Basil's influential discourse on secular education from the viewpoint of intellectual and educational history, including the history of literary interpretation and reception and literary theory. Several parallel texts will also be examined: excerpts from e.g. Philo of Alexandria, Plutarch, pseudo-Plutarch, Clement of Alexandria, St John Chrysostom, and Leonardo Bruni.

Grading and Assessment

Master's students

Oral presentation and in-class participation: 20%

3 written assignments (~1,000 words): 30%

Final essay (2,500 words): 50%

Doctoral students

Oral presentation and in-class participation: 20%

2 written assignments (~1,000 words): 20%

Final essay (3,000 words): 60%

Bibliography

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8. Henry Chadwick, *Early Christian thought and the classical tradition*, Oxford, 1966, 2002
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11. L. Hardwick, *Reception studies*, Oxford, 2003
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Prerequisites (if applicable)

N/A