



Syllabus

Cicero de Amicitia - 28208

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HU Credits: 2

Responsible Department: classical studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

An introductory course in reading Roman philosophic prose in the original. A close

reading of Cicero's *de Amicitia* will be used to introduce students to Latin philosophic language and the literary, philosophic and historical background of the work

Course/Module aims:

- to instruct students in reading Latin prose in the original
- to instruct students in reading classical texts with an apparatus criticus and understanding the considerations employed in editing the text
- to present the characteristics of the philosophical dialogue and of Cicero's philosophical writing
- to present the work on the background of ancient concepts and discussions of Friendship and of Roman history

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

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- to translate Latin prose into Hebrew prose
- to use a modern commentary
- to use an apparatus criticus and explain the editor's decision between *variae lectiones*
- to demonstrate acquaintance with Greek and Roman philosophical dialogue and with the characteristics of Cicero's philosophical writing
- to demonstrate acquaintance with the philosophical and historical background of Cicero's *de Amicitia*

Attendance requirements(%):

90%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Teaching based on close reading of texts the students are required to read, translate and analyze before each lesson

Course/Module Content:

- Morphological and syntactical characteristics of Cicero's Latin prose and of his philosophical language in particular
- The transmission of Cicero's works
- Cicero, his life, writing and thought
- Philosophical schools at Rome
- The tradition of philosophical dialogue and the special characteristics of Cicero's dialogues
- The tradition of Greek and roman philosophical discussions of friendship

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- *The Roman concept of amicitia*
 - *Scipio and Laelius and their reception in Rome of Cicero's age*

Required Reading:

Cicero, de Amicitia in the Latin original

Additional Reading Material:

Commentaries and introductory reading

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 80 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 20 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

For students after "basic Latin" course or equivalent