

Syllabus

for course at first level

Latin Literature in Translation: Roman Rhetoric
Latinsk litteratur i översättning: romersk retorik

**7.5 Higher Education
Credits**
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	KSB908
Valid from:	Summer 2016
Date of approval:	2016-02-23
Department	Department of Romance Studies and Classics
Main field:	Classical Languages
Specialisation:	G1N - First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Decision

This course plan has been validated by the board of the Department of French, Italian and Classical Languages on April 12, 2007.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Basic eligibility.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
908A	Latin Literature in Translation: Roman Rhetoric	7.5

Course content

The course treats various types of texts, taking examples from both the system of theoretical rhetoric, such as that in the *Rhetorica ad Herennium*, and practical rhetoric in the form of political and juridical speeches. A representative selection of approx. 100 pages of translated texts by Cicero, Caesar, Sallust, Tacitus and Quintilian will be studied. In the survey of the texts, emphasis will be laid on their language and structure, the relationship between the speaker and the historical contexts as well as the distinctive character of the individual writer. The texts will be discussed and analyzed from a stylistic, literary and historical perspective.

Learning outcomes

The aim of the course is to provide the student with an introduction and orientation in the function and role of rhetoric in the late republican and early imperial period in ancient Rome, and to provide knowledge of the writers and texts part of the selected material, as well as about the position of the speakers in ancient Roman literature. Having completed the course, the student is expected to be able to analyze the rhetorical structure of a texts, and to identify, name and discuss the use of rhetorical figures in the texts.

Education

Education will take place to the extent resources allow. Decision on a more specific course plan and on which part of education will be regarded as obligatory will be taken by the board of the Department.

Forms of examination

Examination will normally take place through a written take-home assignment. The form of examination may be adapted to, for example, the size of the group. Grading according to the seven-point scale. Those who have passed the exam may not take the exam a second time in order to improve their grades. A student who has

failed the exam has the right to participate in new occasions of examination; the first of which will be determined soon after the normal exam. A student who has failed the exam of the course or part of the course twice has the right submit an application to the board of the Department in order to be granted a new examiner.

Interim

A student who has started his studies according to the latest valid course plan has the right to be examined according to this plan under a traditional period of, at most, 18 months after the new course plan has come into effect.

Limitations

The course may not be credited in an exam together with another course taken in Sweden or abroad, if the contents of said course are wholly or partially equivalent to the contents of this course.

Required reading

M. Tullius Cicero: Pro Caelio oratio (Latin text with Swedish translation, commentary on contents and sociocultural background as well as on grammar), Brian M. Jensen & Hans Aili, Stockholm 2005 (can be bought at the students' office at the Dept. of Classical Languages) Göran Hägg, Praktisk retorik: Talarskola med klassiska och moderna exempel, Stockholm 1998 (Wahlström & Widstrand), pocket 2003 Tore Janson, Latin: Kulturen, historien, språket, Stockholm 2002 (Wahlström & Widstrand), pocket 2004 Romersk retorik. Kompendium med översättningar och artiklar sammanställt av Brian M. Jensen, Stockholm 2007 (can be bought at the students' office at the Dept. of Classical Languages) Aside from the obligatory literature, a list of recommended readings will be prepared at the start of the course.