

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Vulgar Latin
Vulgärlatin

7.5 Higher Education
Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	KSB704
Valid from:	Autumn 2016
Date of approval:	2016-05-31
Department	Department of Romance Studies and Classics
Main field:	Classical Languages
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Humanities on 2016-04-20 and adopted by the Board of the Department of Romance Studies and Classics on 2016-05-31.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Knowledge equivalent to Latin, Bachelor's Course, 30 credits, and English B/English 6, or the bachelor's course in French, Italian, Portuguese or Spanish and knowledge equivalent to Latin II, 30 credits, and English B/English 6.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
704A	Vulgar Latin	7.5

Course content

This course covers the history of Vulgar Latin. Through the reading of Vulgar Latin texts – from the comedies of Plautus to the oaths of Strasbourg – the course studies how spoken Latin (Vulgar Latin) evolved into the early Romance Languages, from the archaic period to around the year 800. Special attention will be given to the linguistic analysis of the development of Latin phonology, morphology, syntax and vocabulary, as illustrated in the texts, through which the development paths to the modern Romance languages will be studied.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:

- give an account of the sources of our knowledge of Vulgar Latin;
- give an account of the main features of the evolution of Vulgar Latin, including phonological and morphological changes, from archaic Latin to the emergence of the Romance languages around the year 900;
- give an account of the main features of Latin word formation;
- discuss the term “Vulgar Latin” and the problems associated with this;
- analyse the Vulgar Latin elements (phonology, morphology, word formation, syntax and vocabulary) in various written sources from antiquity.

Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures and seminars.

Forms of examination

a) The course is examined on the basis of an oral examination and a written take-home examination. For more detailed information, please refer to the course description. The course description will be available at least one month before the course starts.

b) Grades will be set according to a seven-point scale related to the learning objectives of the course: A = Excellent

B = Very good

C = Good

D = Satisfactory

E = Adequate

Fx = Inadequate

F = Totally Inadequate

c) Students will be informed of the written grading criteria when the course starts. Any announced grading criteria related to the learning objectives are binding.

d) In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher on all examination tasks.

e) At least two examination opportunities are offered during each course and semester. At least one opportunity to retake an examination is given during an academic year when the course is not provided. Students who receive the grade Fx or F twice by the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed for the next examination, unless there are special reasons to the contrary. Such requests should be addressed to the department board. Students who receive the grade E or higher may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade.

f) The completion of a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade on the oral examination and the written take-home examination may be permitted if the student is close to meeting the criteria for a passing grade. The assignment must be submitted within two weeks of the examiner notifying the student of the need to complete a supplementary assignment. Approved corrections of flaws related to understanding – minor misunderstandings, inaccuracies or too limited arguments – will receive the grade E. The grading decision will be postponed until the supplementary assignment has been submitted. The student will initially not receive a grade, but will be offered a chance to complete a supplementary assignment in order to receive a passing grade. If the student does not submit a sufficiently improved assignment within the given timeframe, the grade Fx will be awarded.

Interim

If this course is discontinued, or its contents substantially altered, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester for three further semesters.

Limitations

This course may not be included in a degree together with a course, taken in Sweden or elsewhere, of identical or partially similar content.

Required reading

For up-to-date information about the required reading, please refer to the department website at www.su.se/romklass. The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.