CLU33212 Social Media in the Ancient World (JS)

Module Code	CLU33212				
Module Name	Roman Social Media				
ECTS Weighting	5 ECTS				
Semester taught	Semester 2				
Module Coordinator	Prof. Anna Chahoud				
Module Learning Outcomes with embedded Graduate Attributes	On successful completion of this module, students should be able to: LO1. Describe and analyse selected ancient letters and other forms of communication LO2. Examine the prescribed sources, both as documents in the intellectual history of the ancient world and as literary texts, with a particular emphasis on authorial self-representation LO3. Comment critically on select passages from the prescribed texts, both orally and in writing LO4. Evaluate and apply recent critical approaches to epistolarity and self-representation in general, and to the prescribed texts				
	LO5. Critically evaluate similarities and differences between ancient forms of self-representation and modern social media				
Module Content	To write a letter - whether a formal, public composition or a private letter to a friend - is to create an image, consciously or unconsciously, of oneself as writer and of one's relationship with the letter's recipient. In this sense, Roman letterwriting can be seen as a partial equivalent of interaction via social media in our contemporary world. This module explores aspects of self-presentation through published and unpublished letters and other media of communication surviving from the Roman world.				
Teaching and Learning Methods	Weekly lectures, supported by fortnightly small-group seminars				

Assessment Details	Assessment	Assessment	LO	% of	Week due		
	Component	Description	Addressed	total			
	1	On-line exercise	1-3	30%	W12		
	2	Written assignment	2, 4–5	70%	Assessment period		
Reassessment Requirements	Same as original assessment (100% coursework). Only failed components are reassessed.						
Contact Hours and Indicative	Contact hours: 16 (11 lectures and 5 seminars) Independent Study (preparation for course and review of materials): 55 Independent Study (preparation for assessment, incl. completion of assessment): 54						
Student Workload							
Recommended Reading List	Prescribed texts and reading recommendations will be available in the Module Handbook.						
Module Pre-requisite	None						
Module Co-requisite	None						
Module Website	https://www.tcd.ie/classics/undergraduate/social-media.php						
Are other Schools/Departments involved in the delivery of this module?	No						