

# CLU33481 Latin Close Reading

## Topic 2026-27: Latin Prose Styles

<b>Module Code</b>	CLU33481				
<b>Module Name</b>	Latin Close Reading				
<b>ECTS Weighting</b>	5 ECTS				
<b>Semester taught</b>	Semester 1				
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<b>Module Learning Outcomes</b>	<p>On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:</p> <p>LO1. Fluently read Latin texts of moderate difficulty with the aid of dictionaries and commentaries</p> <p>LO2. Translate and analyse the prescribed texts</p> <p>LO3. Produce a cohesive and fully-supported close reading of a given passage, including comment on style, register, rhetorical features and literary tropes</p> <p>LO4. Comment on the relation of the prescribed texts to their historical, literary and cultural contexts</p> <p>LO5. Translate unseen Latin extracts of similar genres, style or content as the studies Latin texts into idiomatic English</p>				
<b>Module Content</b>	<p>This module will involve close and detailed study of Latin prose or verse texts, with the twofold aim of increasing fluency in reading and enhancing appreciation of the authors' style, literary and rhetorical technique. Through translation and discussion of prescribed sections of the texts, we will explore the ways in which Roman writers employ devices such as verbal patterning, metaphor and linguistic register, and how these features affect readers' response to their work.</p> <p>This year's module will focus on the stylistic variety of Latin prose, including authors and texts that are not explored in your Latin programme. While refining your close reading skills, you will also acquire a broad view of the development of literary Latin and the diversity of its registers beyond the traditional literary canon.</p>				
<b>Teaching and Learning Methods</b>	2 one-hour classes per week. Preparation and attendance are compulsory.				
<b>Assessment Details</b>	Assessment Component	Assessment Description	LO Addressed	% of total	Week due
	1.	Critical analysis	3, 4	50%	Week 9
	2.	End of term written test (translation and comprehension)	1, 2, 5	50%	Week 12
<b>Reassessment Requirements</b>	Same as original assessment (100% coursework). Only failed components are reassessed.				

<b>Contact Hours and Indicative Student Workload</b>	Contact hours: 22
	Independent Study (preparation for course and review of materials): 55
	Independent Study (preparation for assessment, incl. completion of assessment): 48
<b>Recommended Reading List</b>	<p>All primary texts will be provided in handouts and specific commentaries will be recommended in class for further study of the author/text select for textual analysis.</p> <p>Essential general works are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Reinhardt, T., Lapidge, M., and Adams, J. N., <i>Aspects of the Language of Latin Prose</i> (2004)</li> <li>– Clackson, J. and Horrocks, G., <i>The Blackwell History of the Latin Language</i> (2007)</li> <li>– Clackson, J. (ed.) <i>A Companion to the Latin Language</i> (2011)</li> <li>– Dominik, W., and Hall, J., <i>A Companion to Roman Rhetoric</i> (2007)</li> <li>– Harrison, S. J. (ed.) <i>A Companion to Latin Literature</i> (2007)</li> </ul>
<b>Module Pre-requisite</b>	Elementary Latin II or Leaving Certificate Latin / A-Level Latin / equivalent
<b>Module Co-requisite</b>	N/A
<b>Module Website</b>	<a href="https://www.tcd.ie/classics/undergraduate/latin-close-reading.php">https://www.tcd.ie/classics/undergraduate/latin-close-reading.php</a>
<b>Are other Schools/Departments involved in the delivery of this module?</b>	N/A