**Papyrology (module I)**

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The course aims to introduce the discipline, its story and its methods to students who are new to it. It will offer the basic palaeographic and bibliologic information to read and understand a document or a literary text written on a papyrus. The aim of the course is also to introduce students, through the use of papyrus documents, to the knowledge of Ptolemaic and Roman Egypt in all its various aspects (historical, cultural, ethnic-linguistic, literary and religious).

Students will learn the methods and purposes of the papyrological discipline, will be able to recognize different typologies of ancient books, style of writing and texts (literary and documentary) transmitted on papyrus, ostraka and other writing material; they will be able to read and understand a critical edition of a papyrus. The course will enhance their knowledge of the history of Greco-Roman Egypt and ancient Greek culture.

***COURSE CONTENT***

* Introduction to Papyrology: history, aims, methods of the discipline.
* Types of books and documents in Greek and Roman Egypt; basic elements of palaeography.
* Translation and commentary of Greek and Latin papyri.

***READING LIST***

Compulsory reading:

O. Montevecchi, *La Papirologia,* Vita e Pensiero, Milan, 1988.

A.K. Bowman, Egypt After *the* Pharaohs 332 BC-AD 642. *From* Alexander *to the* Arab Conquest, Revised Edition 1996.

Recommended reading:

R.S. Bagnall (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Papyrology*, Oxford, 2009;

R.S. Bagnall, Reading Papyri, Writing Ancient History, London-New York, 1995;

P.W. Pestman, The New Papyrological Primer, Revised Edition, Leiden, 1994

N. Reggiani, *Papirologia. La cultura scrittoria dell’Egitto greco-romano*, Parma 2019.

E.G. Turner, Greek papyri, Princeton 2015 (Italian rist. Roma 2002). Downloadable at https://muse.jhu.edu/book/43081

K. Vandorpe (ed.), *A Companion to Greco-Roman and Late Antique Egypt* (Blackwell Companions to the Ancient World), Hoboken, NJ, 2019

Further indications will be given during the course.

Texts and further study material will be handed out during lectures.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Classroom lectures.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Students will sit an oral exam to assess their knowledge of contents of the general section of the course. They will also be required to read, translate and comment on one or more of the texts analysed during the course. The students must be able to decipher a text on papyrus and also to understand and use modern critical editions of papyri. The final mark will assess: proper understanding of questions and relevance of answers; level of knowledge of the given subject; skills of anaylisis and synthesis; clarity and consistency in presentation; appropriate use of specialized terminology.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Secondary-school-level knowledge of Ancient Greek and Latin and basic knowledge of Ancient History are a fundamental requisite to follow the course.

In the event that the health emergency should continue, both teaching activities and any forms of learning monitoring, both in progress and final, will be provided also remotely through our University's BlackBoard platform, the Microsoft Teams platform and any other tools envisaged and notified at the beginning of the course, so as to ensure the full achievement of the formative objectives set out in the study plans and, at the same time, the safety of our students.

*Office hours*

Prof. Silvia Barbantani meets the students in her office (Room 132) located in the Department of Classical Philology, Papyrology and Historical Linguistics, Building Gregorianum I floor, in the day and time as per the notice posted on the notice board outside her office and on her webpage (variations will be advertised on the said page/on Blackboard). Any changes will be communicated on the Professor’s notice board and via Blackboard. Outside the lectures period, the reception is by appointment only: Prof. Barbantani can be contacted at the email address silvia.barbantani@unicatt.it.

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG or on the Faculty notice board.