



Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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Exchange

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers many English-taught courses in a variety of subjects, ranging from arts & culture and social sciences, neurosciences and computer science, to economics and business administration.

The International Office is responsible for course approval and course registration for exchange students. For details about course registration, requirements, credits, semesters and so on, please [visit the exchange programmes webpages](#).

Elementary Latin II

Course Code	L_AABAOUD202
Credits	6
Period	P2
Course Level	100
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Course Coordinator	dr. M.P. Ritsema van Eck
Examiner	dr. M.P. Ritsema van Eck
Teaching Staff	dr. K. Staat, dr. M.P. Ritsema van Eck
Teaching method(s)	Seminar

Course Objective

The end goal of Elementary Latin 1 and 2 is to translate and read relatively simple Latin historical sources from ancient and postclassical times. Elementary 2 builds on the linguistic skills obtained in Elementary 1. At the end of Elementary Latin 2, students:

- Have a basic Latin vocabulary and understanding of elementary morphology and syntax
- Are able to use instruments such as dictionaries/glossaries, annotations, grammars/overviews of morphology and syntax
- Are able to translate simple Latin sentences
- Are able to paraphrase simple Latin texts at section level
- Have insight in the value of reading Latin texts in the primary language for understanding the meaning and value of historical sources

Course Content

The course Elementary Latin 2 (6 ECTS) expands the students' knowledge of Latin on a basic level. Students memorise a glossary and complete exercises on morphology and syntax. They train their skills in translating and interpreting small Latin texts. During the course, they are introduced to relatively simple text sources from Antiquity, the Middle Ages and the Early Modern Period. They also learn about the importance of reading sources in the primary language to understand the meaning and historical value.

Additional Information Teaching Methods

Seminars (2 x 2 hours a week, occasionally classes of 4 hours)

Method of Assessment

Written exams: 2 intermediate tests during class (2x20%) and a final exam (60%).

Literature

Study materials will be distributed through Canvas / in class.

Additional Information Target Audience

The course is open to:

- BA 2 students in History and International Studies
- BA students in Ancient Studies (who can take it as an elective)
- Minor students and other elective students
- The course is not open to students with a Dutch *indexamen Latijn* or comparable secondary school certificates (e.g. British GCE level Latin)

Recommended background knowledge

Mandatory prerequisite: students need to have taken Elementary Latin 1 or a similar course in elementary Latin. Please contact the course coordinator for admission in the case: you have failed your exam in Elementary Latin 1 and still want to follow Elementary Latin 2, or have done a different course in elementary Latin than Elementary Latin 1.