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Graduate Certificate Curriculum in Latin Studies

1. Introduction:

The purpose of the Graduate Certificate Curriculum in Latin Studies is to provide an opportunity for participants to achieve a superior command of the Latin language through active as well as passive immersion in the language. The active component is a speciality of the UK Classics Division and is not normally available in most post-graduate Latin curricula. The other purpose of the Graduate Certificate Curriculum in Latin Studies is to introduce participants to a much wider range of Latin literature than typical in other post-graduate Latin curricula, which focus almost exclusively on the ancient part of the Latin patrimony, despite the fact that Latin's importance as a linguistic tradition extends into the early modern period. Therefore the the Graduate Certificate Curriculum in Latin Studies has a unique utility for anyone who needs expertise in Latin: aspiring teachers of Latin in the schools, graduate students aiming at doctoral programs in fields such as Classics, Theology, History, Philosophy, or European languages.

2. Faculty affiliated with the Graduate Certificate Curriculum in Latin Studies:

Milena Y. Minkova, Associate Professor

Alan Ross Scaife, Professor

Terence O. Tunberg, Professor

3. Current admissions requirements/procedures for the certificate:

Applicants to the certificate curriculum should normally have successfully completed at least three years of undergraduate Latin, or the equivalent, before they come to UK, and once enrolled at UK, must successfully complete CLA 511 (Studies in Roman Philology: Introduction to Latin composition) with a minimum final grade of 3.75, and the consent of the Graduate Certificate curriculum director . Under some circumstances, the Graduate Certificate curriculum director, together with a majority of the other faculty members who are associates and affiliates of the Graduate Certificate curriculum, may judge that a student wishing to enter the curriculum ha s completed the equivalent of CLA 511 through other course work or academic and/or pedagogical activity and may therefore enter the curriculum.

4. Current requirements for the completion of the certificate:

To be awarded the Graduate Certificate in Latin Studies, the student must successfully complete three courses amounting to 9 graduate credit hours with an overall GPA of 3.25 or better. The following course work will qualify for the Graduate Certificate curriculum in Latin Studies

CLA 512 Studies in Roman Philology: Second Level Latin composition with

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selected readings in Latin literature. Exercises in written composition will pertain to the reading assignments in Latin literature. Emphasis on Cicero and/or Caesar, with texts from other periods. Class discussion of texts in Latin.

CLA 611 Latin of the Roman Empire and early Middle Ages .

Exercises in written composition will pertain to the reading assignments in Latin literature. The instructor will build the course around selected readings in both poetry and prose composed from the end of the Roman republic to the early Middle Ages. Class discussion of texts in Latin.

CLA 612 Latin from the later Middle Ages to the modern world.

Exercises in written composition will pertain to the reading assignments in Latin literature. The instructor will build the course around selected readings in both poetry and prose composed from the central Middle Ages to the modern world, with special emphasis on Latin humanism. Class discussion of texts in Latin.

A student may, with the consent of the Graduate Certificate curriculum director , substitute independent study courses for any or all of the courses listed above, provided the course work for each independent study course matches the material covered and methodology used in the Graduate Certificate curriculum course for which the independent study serves an equivalent. An independent study course with the designation CLA 580 may be deemed the equivalent of CLA 512, and an independent study course with the designation CLA 695 may be deemed the equivalent of either CLA 611 or 612.

5. Rationale for continuation of Graduate Certificate Curriculum in Latin Studies:

A significant number of qualified students are awarded the Certificate every year. The Graduate Certificate Curriculum in Latin Studies continues to attract top level graduate students to Latin Studies at UK. The number of applications for the regular M.A. in Classics at UK has greatly increased since the inauguration of Graduate Certificate Curriculum in Latin Studies in 2001, and the applications come from students in prestigious institutions such as the College of William and Mary, University of Pennsylvania, and Fordham University. The number of applications to the UK Classics MA program for the last three years has climbed to 25-30 applicants per year. Before 2001 the average number was 8-10. They now come not only from all over the U.S. but also from abroad. For example, we have had successful Graduate Certificate Curriculum students from Brazil, France, and Australia. Recipients of the Graduate Certificate Curriculum in Latin Studies have been awarded places in good Ph.D. programs such as the ones at Duke University, the University of Oregon, the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium, and the University of Cadiz in Spain. Others have followed a career of teaching Latin in the secondary schools. We regard this as merely a beginning. We are convinced the Graduate Certificate Curriculum in Latin Studies must continue, so that we may build on the great advances we have made so far.

6. Copy of flyer used to advertise the Graduate Certificate Curriculum in Latin Studies:

The principal advertisement for the Graduate Certificate Curriculum in Latin Studies is on the UK Classics web-page at
http://www.uky.edu/AS/Classics/institute_eng.html

A copy of the advertisement is included in Word format in Appendix I to this statement.

A more refined statement of the requirements for the Graduate Certificate Curriculum in Latin Studies is now available on the University web site at:
<http://www.research.uky.edu/gs/Programs/0304-P015.pdf>

7. A copy of the Certificate which is awarded to students who complete the requirements:

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The UK Institute for Latin Studies

The UK Institute for Latin Studies is a series of graduate courses in Latin studies designed to provide anyone with a special interest in Latin with a thorough command of the Latin language in reading, writing and speaking, along with a wide exposure to the cultural riches of the Latin tradition in its totality. This means a deep immersion in classical Latin texts as well as the Latin of the church fathers, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance and even more recent times. This curriculum provides an unusually solid preparation for any profession or discipline in which skill in Latin is highly important, such as Classics, Theology, Philosophy, History, etc. We recommend this curriculum not only for those who aspire to enter a doctoral program, but also for anyone who is interested in teaching Latin in the secondary schools and would like to acquire an active command of the language along with a wide-ranging knowledge of Latin letters.

METHOD

Modern Latin curricula typically place vastly more emphasis on passive understanding of the language, i. e. reading only, than on inculcating facility in active use of the language as a means of communication in speaking and writing. It is well established that participation in a variety of learning modes, including writing, listening and speaking - not merely reading and translating - enhances the comprehension of any language and the appreciation of its nuances. The active use of Latin in speaking and writing, in addition to the reading of Latin texts, is one of the cornerstones of this sequence in Latin Studies.

SCOPE

The Institute is distinctive for its methodology, and also for the rich material of its courses. Latin is currently taught in high schools and in undergraduate curricula almost entirely as an ancient language, despite the fact that much of Latin's history as a literary language and an active means of communication extends to fairly recent, and, in some regions and environments, up to very recent times. The Latin works written in medieval and early modern centuries include seminal texts in the development of European literature, thought and science. The Institute sequence in Latin Studies includes a significant amount of this material as well as fundamental Roman texts, in order to present students with a more accurate view of the history of Latin, and to show future teachers how they can vastly enrich Latin education. The wide scope of our curriculum is based on the conviction that teachers of Latin should present Latin from the start (even in high schools) as not only the Romans' language, but the universal cultural language of the formative phases of later Europe. Even early training in Latin should reflect the fact that Latin is fundamental for a wide variety of disciplines studied at the university level, which range from classics, philosophy, and history all the way to medical terminology, and is an essential asset for the study of English and western European languages. One could hardly find a better example of a field that is multi-cultural and truly

'interdisciplinary' than the study of Latin literature approached from this wider and more historically-accurate perspective.

THE CURRICULUM

The core of the Institute, or Graduate Certificate Curriculum in Latin Studies, consists of courses in which Latin is the language of teaching and instruction, class activities, and assignments. The series begins with an intensive course in spoken and written composition, joined with exemplary readings from a wide range of authors, designed to prepare Institute students for the following courses. Subsequent courses focus on various periods of Latin literature from Antiquity to the present. Course activities always involve extensive reading, writing, and speaking in Latin. Other course projects may include such events as the performance of Latin drama. During the summers, Institute students have an excellent opportunity to take part in the 'conventicula Latina,' the well-known summer immersion workshops in spoken Latin held on the campus of UK, which now regularly attract participants from Europe and Australasia, as well as from all over North America. A candidate who successfully completes 12 credit hours of Institute course work may earn a Graduate Certificate in Latin Studies.

Those who successfully complete the Institute curriculum can earn a Graduate Certificate in Latin studies. This certificate is awarded independently of the M.A. in Classics. Candidates for the Certificate may also be candidates for the M.A. in Classics, or they may be enrolled in a degree program in another department, and take the courses in Latin Studies along with the required courses in their disciplines. Courses in the Institute curriculum occupy only a portion of a full-time course load for a student each semester.

N.B. the availability of these courses in any one year may depend on the presence or absence of professors prepared to teach them.

ADMISSION

Applicants to the Institute should normally have successfully completed at least three years of undergraduate Latin, or the equivalent, before they come to UK, and once enrolled at UK, must successfully complete CLA 511, our graduate course in basic composition, unless the Institute staff decides that a candidate has already completed the equivalent level of work.

The Institute is an optional series of courses within the graduate program in Classics at the University of Kentucky, not a separate degree-granting program. Those who intend to be candidates for the Graduate Certificate in Latin Studies must first be accepted into the Graduate School at the University of Kentucky. In most cases, such candidates will also be candidates for the M.A. in Classics, or some other post-graduate degree.

For further details on the program, please write to the Director of Graduate Studies, UK Classics at [classics at lsv.uky.edu](mailto:classics@lsv.uky.edu)

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Instituti studiis Latinis provehendis professor:

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Magisterium et doctoris gradum petentium decanus:
