Royal Holloway University of London

**Department of Classics**

***First Year Courses: Required book purchases***

In your first year you will be encountering different aspects of classical culture. Some first year courses require you to purchase certain key books before you start the course or as soon as possible after you start. Details of these are given below so you can plan and budget ahead for your studies.

All courses have their own pages on our electronic learning resource called **Moodle**. Once you have formally registered for your courses with us, these will appear on your personal Moodle page under the menu listing ‘My Courses’. These pages give a wide variety of extra learning support, such as reading material or links to other helpful learning resources.

We have also listed here some textbooks, which are strongly recommended by the course tutors. These are always worth picking up, if you can. Many should be available either as e-books (e.g. Kindle format, which can considerably cheaper than new ‘hard’ copies) or *via* online booksellers such as Amazon, who often have second-hand ‘used’ copies available, which again can be much cheaper than a new copy.

Obviously most books you purchase for your first year studies will continue to be useful for later study in that area, and, given the interdisciplinary nature of classical studies, many books will be useful for more than one course unit.

In addition to what you will find on the course Moodle pages, your course tutors will always be happy to suggest extra recommended reading to you if you ask them.

**CL1530 Introduction to Greek Literature**

It is not required to buy any books for this course. Key resources will be found online or on the course Moodle page.

**CL1534 Roman Literature of the Empire:**

The following are all set course texts that students should purchase:

- *Lucan. Civil War*. Trans. S. H. Braund. Oxford World Classics. 2008. ISBN: 978-0199540686. RRP £9.99.

- *Ovid. The Love Poems*. Trans. A. D. Melville. Oxford World Classics. 2008. ISBN: 978-0199540334. RRP £9.99.

*- Petronius. The Satyricon. Seneca. The Apocolocyntosis*. Trans. J. P. Sullivan. Penguin Classics. 2005. ISBN: 978-0140444896. RRP £10.99.

- *Seneca. Six Tragedies*. Trans. E. Wilson. Oxford World Classics. 2010. ISBN: 978-0192807069. RRP £9.99.

We will also be reading Valerius Maximus; the text is available electronically from the library, but if you wish to purchase your own copy, the details are:

- Valerius Maximus. *Memorable Deeds and Sayings: One Thousand Tales from Ancient Rome*. Trans. H. J. Walker. Hackett Classics. ISBN: 978-0872206748. RRP £18.50.

**CL1550 Greek History and the City State**

It is not required to buy any books for this course, but the following are strongly recommended:

S. Hornblower *The Greek World 479­323 BC* (4th edition), Routledge 2011

(paperback price £28.99)

P. J. Rhodes *A History of the Classical Greek world 478-323 BC* (2nd

edition), Wiley-Blackwell 2010 (paperback price £29.99)

It is also recommended that you purchase your own copies of modern English translations key primary (ancient) sources such as Thucydides’ *History of the Peloponnesian War* and Herodotus’ *Histories*; they can be found at affordable prices (esp. second-hand or electronic copies). The best ones to buy are those which provide book and sub-section/chapter/paragraph numbers, e.g. Penguin or Oxford University Press World’s Classics series.

**CL1560 Key Themes in Roman History**

It is not required to buy any books for this course. Key resources and recommendations for further reading will be found on the course Moodle page.

**CL1570 Studying Classical Antiquity**

It is not required to buy any books for this course. Key resources will be found online or on the course Moodle page.

**CL1581 Introduction to Roman Art**

No books are required to be bought for the course, but the following are strongly recommended:

- Beard, M (2008) *Pompeii. Life of a Roman Town*. Profile Books, pbk £7.49 on Amazon

- Greene, K (1986) *The Archaeology of the Roman Economy*. Batsford/University of California Press, pbk £21.30 on Amazon

- MacDonald, W. L. (1986) *The Architecture of the Roman Empire. Volume II: An urban appraisal*. Yale University Press, pbk £30 on Amazon

- Mattingly, D (2007) *An Imperial Possession: Britain in the Roman Empire*. Penguin, pbk £18.14 on Amazon

- Stewart P. (2008) *The Social History of Roman Art*. Cambridge University Press, pbk £21.99 on Amazon

- Ward-Perkins, J. B. (1981) *Roman Imperial Architecture* (2nd ed). Pelican, pbk £25 on Amazon

**PY1541 Introduction to Ancient Philosophy**

Students are **required** to buy two books:

- Robin Waterfield, *The First Philosophers.  The Presocratics and Sophists* (Oxford University Press World’s Classics pbk 2009)  £9.99

- T.J. Saunders (ed.), *Plato.  Early Socratic Dialogues* (Penguin pbk 2005) £10.99

**Language Courses**

**CL1705 Beginners’ Latin**

You will be required to collect the course text book *VVV* from the Classics Department Office (supplied free of charge) and to buy the *Pocket Oxford Latin Dictionary* (Oxford University Press 2005 and subsequent reprints), £12.99, but many copies are available much cheaper *via* e.g. the Amazon ‘used’ marketplace.

**CL1765 Intermediate Latin**:

No purchase of textbook necessary. Students will require a Latin dictionary, which they should have purchased for a previous course, and may want to purchase a Latin grammar. We recommend the *Pocket Oxford Latin Dictionary*, which is the one used in the exam, Oxford University Press £12.99, but many copies are available much cheaper *via* e.g. the Amazon ‘used’ marketplace.

**CL1705 Beginners’ Greek**

We shall use *Athenaze book I, An Introduction to Ancient Greek* (UK edition), by M. Balme and G. Lawall (OUP 1995). This is the Amazon link with the price: [http://www.amazon.co.uk/Athenaze-Students-Introduction-Ancient-Greek/dp/0199122199/ref=sr\_1\_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1436707984&sr=8-2&keywords=athenaze](http://www.amazon.co.uk/Athenaze-Students-Introduction-Ancient-Greek/dp/0199122199/ref%3Dsr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1436707984&sr=8-2&keywords=athenaze)

**CL1726 Greek Language & Reading**

You will need to buy the following:

- Your set texts, which vary from year to year, will be decided during the summer. Please email the Classics department for further information from 1st September.

- You will also need J.R. Cheadle, *Basic Greek Vocabulary*, Bristol Classical Press

(see e.g. http://www.amazon.co.uk/Basic-Greek-Vocabulary-J-Cheadle/dp/1853996343/ref=sr\_1\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1433960851&sr=1-1&keywords=cheadle+basic+greek+vocabulary)

Otherwise the only other books that you'll need to have will be:

- *Intermediate Greek Lexicon* (edited by Liddell & Scott, Oxford University Press), usually around £25 (This is the one we use in class and in the exam.)

- A suitable Greek grammar (whichever grammar book you have been using already should be fine)

**CL1776 Latin Language & Reading**

This course tackles one text each term, one in poetry and one in prose. The texts for next year will be Plautus’ Amphitryon and Seneca’s De Brevitate Vitae. You should purchase the following books to use as the set text in preparation:

Plautus, *Amphitruo*. 2000. Cambridge University Press, ed. David M. Christenson. ISBN: 9780521459976. RRP £25.99.

Seneca, *De Otio, De Brevitate Vitae*. 2003. Cambridge University Press, ed. Gareth Williams. ISBN: 9780521588065. RRP £27.99.

You should continue to use whatever Latin dictionary and grammar you have already.