Royal Holloway University of London

**Department of Classics**

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

In your first year you will be encountering a wide variety of 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.

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 shall 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

 (pbk £28.99)

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

 edition), Wiley-Blackwell 2010 (pbk £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.

**CL1580 Introduction to Greek Archaeology**

No books are required to be bought for the course, but purchasing of one or two of the following is strongly recommended:

* Biers, W.R. 1996. *The Archaeology of Greece*. 2nd edition, Ithaca N.Y.
* Bintliff, J. 2012. *The Complete Archaeology of Greece: from hunter-gatherers to the 20th century AD*. London
* Mee, C. 2011. *Greek Archaeology: A Thematic Approach*. Oxford
* Osborne, R. 1996. *Greece in the Making, 1200–479 BC*. London
* Pedley, J.G. 2003. *Greek Art and Archaeology*. London
* Whitley, J. 2001. *The Archaeology of Ancient Greece*. Cambridge

**CL1581 Introduction to Roman Archaeology**

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

**PY1541 Introduction to Ancient Philosophy**

You are required to buy:

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

**Language Courses**

**Latin Language Courses**

**CL1755 Beginners’ Latin**

You will be required to collect the course text book *VVV* from the Classics Department (supplied free of charge) at a date/time to be specified in Welcome Week.

You should also buy the *Pocket Oxford Latin Dictionary* (Oxford University Press 2005 and subsequent reprints), £12.99 pbk, but many copies are available much cheaper *via* e.g. the Amazon ‘used’ marketplace.

**CL1765 Intermediate Latin**

No purchase of a textbook is necessary. However, you will require a Latin dictionary, which you will probably have purchased for your previous Latin study, 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 pbk, but many copies are available much cheaper *via* e.g. the Amazon ‘used’ marketplace.

**CL1776 Latin Language & Reading**

* This course tackles one set text each term, one in poetry and one in prose. The texts for next year will be announced before term starts. Please email the Classics Department in September.
* You should continue to use whichever Latin dictionary and grammar you have already.

**Ancient Greek Language Courses**

**CL1705 Beginners’ Greek**

* You should buy a copy of our text book: John Taylor *Greek to GCSE*, Bloomsbury 2016, pbk £12 on Amazon.
* You will also need a good grammar of ancient Greek: we recommend James Morwood *The Oxford Grammar of Classical Greek*, Oxford University Press; pbk £7.99 on Amazon.
* It is also very useful (but not required) to have your own copy of the Greek-English lexicon that we use in class and for tests and the exam: *Intermediate Greek Lexicon*, edited by H.G. Liddell & R. Scott, Oxford University Press, usually around £25 and available on Kindle. This is also the lexicon that you would be using in later, more advanced Greek language courses.

**CL1715 Intermediate Greek**

* You will need to buy M.Balme & G.Lawell *Athenaze* Book I, Oxford University Press, revised edition 2016; pbk £26.40 on Amazon. You will be starting the course mid-way in this book.
* You will then progress to *Athenaze* Book II, same editors and publisher revised edition 2016; pbk £33.99 on Amazon.
* If you haven’t got one already, a grammar is very helpful: we recommend James Morwood *The Oxford Grammar of Classical Greek*, Oxford University Press; pbk £7.99 on Amazon.
* If you haven’t one already, we recommend the Greek-English lexicon which will be used in class, in tests and the exam, the *Intermediate Greek-English Lexicon*, eds. H.G. Liddell & R. Scott, Oxford University Press; usually around £25 and available on Kindle.

**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 in 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-English Lexicon* (edited by H.G. Liddell & R. Scott, Oxford University Press), usually around £25 and available on Kindle. This is the one that we use in class, in tests, and in the exam.
* A suitable Greek grammar (whichever grammar book you have been using already should be fine). We recommend James Morwood *The Oxford Grammar of Classical Greek*, Oxford University Press; pbk £7.99 on Amazon.