

Latin 9155A (Fall 2020)

Latin Epigraphy

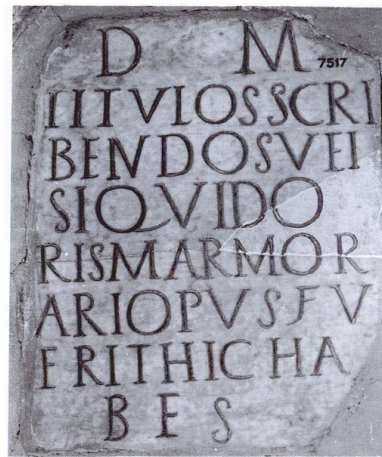
Dr. Alexander Meyer

Monday, 2:30-5:30am

Location (Zoom): <https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/95790697820>



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Course Description

This course will introduce students to the fundamental resources, concepts and techniques of Latin Epigraphy. Throughout the term we will read secondary literature focused on epigraphy as a discipline and research that is based on epigraphic evidence. In discussions we will examine the utility and limitations of epigraphy and its various sub-disciplines. We will also read many epigraphic texts, including tombstones, legal texts, imperial decrees, military diplomas, metrical inscriptions, graffiti, and writing tablets. By the end of the term students should be able to read epigraphic texts with some facility, be familiar with the primary periodicals and corpora associated with Latin Epigraphy, and be conversant in current debates surrounding the use of epigraphic evidence.

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Required Texts (for purchase)

None

Additional Texts

Some readings will be supplied electronically by the instructor through OWL. Others may be placed on reserve at Weldon Library or in the Classics department. Details will also be provided if you prefer to check these sources out of the library. These texts are vital to the course and the study on Latin Epigraphy. Be sure to leave yourself sufficient time to access them.

The assigned readings are representative of the crucial texts of Latin Epigraphy, but by no means exhaustive. Take the time to read additional material in which you are interested. Mastery of epigraphy and epigraphic methods comes only by reading carefully and broadly.

Course Objectives and Skills attained

Objectives:

- A familiarity with some of the most important epigraphic texts from the Roman world
- An understanding of the potential and limitations of epigraphic sources
- A grasp of how epigraphy informs the study of ancient history
- An appreciation for the literary significance on Latin epigraphic texts
- Knowledge and comfort with the major corpora, handbooks, guides, periodicals and resources used in the study of Latin Epigraphy.
- The ability to analyze and discuss the significance of these sources in a coherent manner and in their historical context.

Skills:

- Critical thought
- Electronic and traditional research methods
- Analysis of primary and secondary sources
- Interpretation of epigraphy evidence
- Presentation skills
- Argumentation
- Academic writing

Assessment and Evaluation

Attendance and participation: 20%

Inscription Presentation: 30%

Seminar Project Presentation: 10%

Seminar Paper: 40%