

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES - GREEK AND ROMAN STUDIES

**LATN 3901/4901: ADVANCED LATIN  
ROMAN COMEDY**

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**Description**

This course further develops students' Latin reading skill by focusing on the Roman comedic playwright Plautus, and his play *Menaechmi*. We will also read relevant selections from other plays by Plautus and Terence. The *Menaechmi* is the story of two long-separated identical twin brothers and what happens to them when they finally find each other. It was Plautus' most successful play during his lifetime and also became the inspiration for Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors*.

The challenge and benefit of reading Plautus' dialogue comes both from his early date (late 3<sup>rd</sup> century BCE) and from his use of colloquialisms in Latin. Though written in verse, Plautus' works include characters of varying classes and genders who use language in a way which must have sounded quite familiar to the everyday language of the Roman audience watching the plays.

At the end of this course, students will be able to read early Latin dialogue, and will have an understanding of Roman theatrical traditions and ancient theatre archetypes.

Students' progress will be assessed based on class participation (translation aloud), a quiz, a midterm, a presentation, and final exam. Students taking the class at the 4000 level will also write an essay which could be based on their presentation.

**Required text**

available in the bookstore or for purchase online  
Gratwick, A.S., ed. 1993 (or 2000). *Plautus: Menaechmi*. Cambridge University Press. Greek and Latin Classics (Green & Yellow Text).

**Evaluation**

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Attendance/Participation/Preparation 25%  
Quiz 10%  
Presentation 15%  
Midterm Exam (Feb 26<sup>th</sup>) 20%  
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## **Schedule**

Since this is a three-hour class meeting once per week, the preparation may seem heavy. You should expect to spend 1 hour preparing for every 1 hour you spend in class. As our familiarity with the style of the text grows, the speed of the reading should increase. Thus, you should expect to read 100 lines per class by mid-semester, up to about 120 by the end of the term.

### **Important dates:**

#### **January 8<sup>th</sup>**

Short class (Prof. Banducci has to leave for a conference)

- Class introduction
- Roman drama; Plautus and his time
- unusual words/forms in early Latin
- Read before class: Introduction to text
- Read in Latin: *Argumentum*

#### **January 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Prologus*

### **Continuing reading...**

#### **January 29<sup>th</sup>**

Translation and Grammar Quiz (20 min.)

### **Continuing reading...**

#### **February 19<sup>th</sup>**

no class: Winter Break--

#### **Feb 26<sup>th</sup>**

Midterm

### **Continuing reading...**

#### **April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Class cancelled, arrangements for a make-up class will be made

**Final exam – scheduled within the April examination period**

## REGULATIONS COMMON TO ALL HUMANITIES COURSES

### COPIES OF WRITTEN WORK SUBMITTED

Always retain for yourself a copy of all essays, term papers, written assignments or take-home tests submitted in your courses.

### PLAGIARISM

The University Senate defines plagiarism as “*presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one’s own.*” This can include:

- reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else’s published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one’s own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another’s data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another’s works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
- handing in “*substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs.*”

Plagiarism is a serious offence which cannot be resolved directly with the course’s instructor. The Associate Deans of the Faculty conduct a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They can include a final grade of “F” for the course

### GRADING SYSTEM

Letter grades assigned in this course will have the following percentage equivalents:

A+ = 90-100 (12)	B = 73-76 (8)	C - = 60-62 (4)
A = 85-89 (11)	B- = 70-72 (7)	D+ = 57-59 (3)
A- = 80-84 (10)	C+ = 67-69 (6)	D = 53-56 (2)
B+ = 77-79 (9)	C = 63-66 (5)	D - = 50-52 (1)

F	Failure. Assigned 0.0 grade points
ABS	Absent from final examination, equivalent to F
DEF	Official deferral (see “Petitions to Defer”)
FND	Failure with no deferred exam allowed -- assigned only when the student has failed the course on the basis of inadequate term work as specified in the course outline.

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean.

### WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT ACADEMIC PENALTY

The last date to withdraw from **FALL TERM** courses is **DEC. 8, 2014**. The last day to withdraw from **FALL/WINTER (Full Term)** and **WINTER** term courses is **APRIL 8, 2015**.

### REQUESTS FOR ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term because of disability, pregnancy or religious obligations. Please review the course outline promptly and write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at: [carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/](http://carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/)

Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Documented disabilities could include but not limited to mobility/physical impairments, specific Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/psychological disabilities, sensory disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and chronic medical conditions. Registered PMC students are required to contact the PMC, 613-520-6608, every term to ensure that your Instructor receives your Letter of Accommodation, no later than two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations. If you only require accommodations for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodations to PMC by **Nov. 7, 2014** for the Fall term and **March 6, 2015** for the Winter term. For more details visit the Equity Services website: [carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/](http://carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/)

### PETITIONS TO DEFER

If you miss a final examination and/or fail to submit a **FINAL** assignment by the due date because of circumstances beyond your control, you may apply a deferral of examination/assignment. If you are applying for a deferral due to illness you will be required to see a physician in order to confirm illness and obtain a medical certificate dated no later than one working day after the examination or assignment deadline. This supporting documentation must specify the date of onset of the illness, the degree of incapacitation, and the expected date of recovery.

If you are applying for a deferral for reasons other than personal illness, please [contact](#) the Registrar’s Office directly for information on other forms of documentation that we accept.

Deferrals of assignments must be supported by confirmation of the assignment due date, for example a copy of the course outline specifying the due date and any documented extensions from the course instructor.

Deferral applications for examination or assignments must be submitted within **5 working days** of the original final exam.

### ADDRESSES: (Area Code 613)

College of the Humanities 520-2809	300 Paterson
Greek and Roman Studies Office 520-2809	300 Paterson
Religion Office 520-2100	2A39 Paterson
Registrar's Office 520-3500	300 Tory
Student Academic Success Centre 520-7850	302 Tory
Paul Menton Centre 520-6608/TTY 520-3937	501 Uni-Centre
Writing Tutorial Service 520-2600 Ext. 1125	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Library
Learning Support Service 520-2600 Ext 1125	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Library