




5.00 credits

30.0 h

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This biannual learning is being organized in 2026-2027

Teacher(s)	Somers Véronique ;Van Elverdinghe Emmanuel ;
Language :	French > English-friendly
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	This course addresses students with a good command of ancient Greek.
Main themes	The course includes the following topics: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to codicology; 2. Handwritten copy of ancient Greek texts and textual transmission issues; 3. Ancient Greek writings; 4. Practical training in reading ancient Greek manuscripts (reading exercises); 5. Theoretical and practical training in editing ancient Greek texts.
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : At the end of this course, the student will be able: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to decipher a ancient Greek manuscript, or to find the necessary assistance to read it; • to locate a written text within the history of ancient Greek writings; 1 • to read, analyse and use an edition (introduction and critical apparatus); • to collate various major manuscripts of a given text and to prepare a provisional edition; • to use bibliographical and working tools.
Evaluation methods	The examination is oral and includes reading exercises, as well as questions about the theoretical presentations and articles intended to complete or clarify the lectures. Part of the exam may be replaced by a personal work, according to specific instructions which will be announced in due course. The final grade is the arithmetical mean of both parts (palaeography and text editing). Successful completion of the examination requires a passing grade on both parts.
Teaching methods	The course consists of lectures (theoretical presentations) supplemented by practical exercises (reading and editing).
Content	The course is, by and large, consistent from year to year (main scripts, introduction to ecdotics, reading and editing exercises), but some years it may be more specifically devoted to a particular category of texts or to a particular type of writing.
Inline resources	Course materials (bibliography, elements of theory, documentation) will be made available gradually on the Moodle course page.
Bibliography	Les reproductions de manuscrits nécessaires sont fournies au fur et à mesure; elles sont tirées des principales collections de fac-similés et des ressources disponibles en ligne. / The necessary manuscript reproductions are provided progressively; they are drawn from the major facsimile collections, as well as from online resources.
Other infos	As far as circumstances will allow it, the course and the examination take place in praesentia.
Faculty or entity in charge	EHAC

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	HORI2M	5		
Master [60] in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Classics	CLAS2M1	5		
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Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Classics	CLAS2M	5		