DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL PHILOLOGY

ABOUT US:

The learned speech on any phenomenon regularly begins with the expression "even the ancient Greeks and Romans ..." Their heritage is still present in almost all areas of life. We are primarily interested in the written legacy, the songs they were singing, the books they were writing, the questions they asked themselves in which we recognize ourselves today. Latin language continued to live in the Middle Ages and Modern area throughout Europe, especially in Croatia. Actually the only best-seller Croatia has was written by Marko Marulić in Latin.

Students have the possibility to enrol two undergraduate study programmes at the Department of Classical Philology (Latin Language and Roman Literature or Greek Language and Literature) and two graduate study programmes with the same names. It is recommendable to study the Latin and Greek language at the same time since the two study programmes complement each other. The programmes can also be studied individually. It is recommendable to study them in combination with history, art history, archaeology and philosophy, but they can be combined with any other double-major study programme as well.

As both languages are dead, they are not taught by audio methods and it is necessary to have a sense of abstract thinking, both in logics and mathematics. Teaching starts from the basic levels. For enrolment it is sufficient to complete any four-year high school.

During the studies, the Department organises trips to Italy and Greece.

Apart from the obligations related to the study programmes, over the last few years every spring our students individually prepare Ancient days with realisations of theatre works of old artists and poetry nights, exhibitions, lectures or "Olympics". The amazing performance of Aristophanes’ Lysistrata could not be forgotten. The most successful students participate in the student workshops as a part of Marulić days in Split. This year, our outstanding student has been accepted at the doctoral study programme at the Oxford University. Ahead of us is a more systematic way to establish relationships here is also a systematic way to establish relationships with all former students in order to avoid the end of cooperation with them upon their graduating.

At one point the Department was left without its three professors who held titles. Thus, the burden of lectures and the Bologna reform was placed on the assistants. It is still in a difficult situation, with only one teacher holding a scientific-teaching title, two with teaching titles, one research assistant, two employees holding master degrees and five assistants. Nevertheless, in the next two years we expect to obtain at least five to six doctors which will bring an important step forward in quality. We have already introduced, in accordance with our specialisation, the Mycenaean, Byzantine and Modern area language besides the ancient Greek language, and also, along with the classic Latin we introduced the medieval and humanistic Croatian Latinity.

Although we would like to have more work space, and the University strives and struggles to provide it, our present locality is at a lovely place, on the third floor of the facility near the sea with a view on the islands of Zadar, near the Roman Forum, the church of St. Donat’s, the Archaeological Museum... We have our own library with the essential literature for the study which we constantly enrich with new titles. The majority of the primary literature, such as grammars and dictionaries, are available in digital form.