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### Latin 118a. Latin Lyric & Elegiac Poetry Syllabus

#### Required Texts:

- P. Shorey, *Horace: Odes and Epodes* (1919)
- C. J. Fordyce, *Catullus, A Commentary* (originally published 1961)
- J. W. Halporn, M. Ostward, T.G. Rosenmeyer, *The Meters of Greek and Latin Poetry*, Rev. ed. 1994 (Hackett Publishing). ISBN 087 220 2437.
- A Good Dictionary.

#### Recommended Reading:

*Horace*: commentaries by D. West; T. E. Page  
S. Commager, *The Odes of Horace*. 1962. New Haven.  
H. Fraenkel, *Horace*. 1957. Oxford.  
L. P. Wilkinson, *Golden Latin Artistry*. 1963. Cambridge, U.K.

#### *Catullus*:

K. Quinn, *The Catullan Revolution*. 1970. Michigan.  
A. W. Wheeler, *Catullus and the Traditions of Ancient Poetry*. 1934. Berkeley.  
Thornton Wilder, *The Ides of March* (a novel re: Lesbia, Caesar, and Catullus)  
Marilyn Skinner, *Catullus in Verona: A Reading of the Elegiac Libellus, poems 65-116*. 2003  
Columbus; *A Companion to Catullus* 2007. Oxford.  
T. P. Wiseman, *Catullus and His World: A Reappraisal*. 1986. Cambridge UP.

The class meets three times a week, for one hour each time.

The final grade will be based on one midterm exam, a term paper (10-15 pages), and a final exam (3 hours). Papers will be presented orally and then corrected and handed in before the last class meets.

We will read a considerable portion of Catullus's poems; a few of Horace's *Epodes* and a large selection of his *Odes*; and brief selections from Propertius, Tibullus and Ovid which will be integrated as appropriate.

#### Schedule:

Aug	28 Th	<b>First Day of Class:</b> Introduction
Sept	1 M	<b>Labor Day – No class</b>
	3 W	meter: hendecasyllabi (= approx. 2/3 of poems 1-60); Poems 1; 2; 3; 5; 7;
	4 Th	13; 23; 46
	8 M	Meter: choliambic. 8; 31; 44
	10 W	Meter: priapean. 17; cf. 34, 61
	11 Th	“
	15 M	Meter: Sapphic; 11; 51
	17 W	Hexameters: 62 (Wedding Song)
	18 Th	Lesbia: 70; 72; 75; 85; 87
	22 M	Catullus and his friends: 39; 42; 50; 84;
	24 W	Catullus and his brother: 65; 68 (101)
	25 Th	
	29 M	<b>Brandeis Tuesday – No class</b>

Oct	1 W	<b><i>Rosh Hashanah – No Class</i></b>
	2 Th	
	6 M	begin (Epyllion) 64
	8 W	
	9 Th	<b><i>Yom Kippur – No Class</i></b>
	13 M	
	15 W	
	16 Th	
	20 M	<b>Midterm Exam – Catullus</b>
	22 W	Horace Epode 2
	23 Th	Epode 7, 16
	27 M	
	29 W	Odes I.1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 7; 9; 11; 14; 21; 22; 23; 34; 36; 37, 38
	30 Th	
Nov	3 M	
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	10 M	Odes 2.7; 10; 12; 14; 16
	12 W	
	13 Th	
	17 M	
	19 W	Odes 3.12; 13; 21; 22; 30
	20 Th	
	24 M	
26 W	Odes 4.2; 3; 12.	
27 Th	<b><i>Thanksgiving – No Class</i></b>	
Dec	1 M	
	3 W	
	4 Th	
	8 M	<b>Last Day of Class</b>
	12 Fr	<b>Final Exam (9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)</b>