

## **Latin 1110G: Latin Love Elegy**

Fall 2014

Tu, Th 1:00-2:20 p.m. Smith-Buonanno 206

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**Objectives:** We shall read representative selections from each of the Roman elegists: Propertius, Tibullus and Ovid, as well as the fragments of Gallus. In addition, we shall discuss the origins and development of love elegy at Rome, including reading a few poems of Catullus, and we will explore the themes, topoi, and concerns that define the genre. We will also read and discuss selected articles and book chapters at various points in the course.

The primary aim throughout will be twofold: to improve facility with the reading and appreciation of Latin love elegy as poetry (this includes meter, of course); and to follow the poets' negotiations with various discourses and ideologies in Augustan Rome, literary, social, sexual, and political.

**Requirements:** Students will be evaluated on the basis of:  
Daily preparation and class participation (15%)  
Two short papers (15% each; guidelines to be provided later)  
Mid-term exam (25%), scheduled for Thursday, October 16  
Final exam (28%), December 16 (per Registrar's schedule)  
Memorization and recitation of one poem (2%)  
There may also be occasional brief, ungraded quizzes to check accuracy of translations, grammatical understanding, and meter as well as occasional short writing assignments (1-2 pp.) to help ensure understanding of secondary material.

**Required Texts:** Kenney, E. J. (ed.), *Nasonis P. Ovidi Amores, Medicamina Faciei Femineae, Ars Amatoria, Remedia Amoris* (Oxford, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1994).  
Putnam, M.C.J. (ed.), *Tibullus. A commentary* (Norman, 1973).  
Richardson, L., Jr., ed., *Propertius: Elegies I-IV* (Norman, 1977; repr.2006).  
You will also need a Latin-English dictionary.

Expected Basic Translation Schedule, Latin Love Elegy, Fall 2014

(Secondary readings [articles and/or book chapters] to be added as the course progresses)

Sep 4	History, Background, and “Origins” of Latin Love Elegy; Contexts
Sep 9-11	Catullus and Gallus: the “first” Roman elegists? Propertius 1.1
Sep 16-18	Propertius 1.2, 1.3, 1.6, 1.12
Sep 23-25	Propertius 1.7, 1.9, 1.14, 1.16, 1.19
Sep 30-Oct 2	Propertius 1.20, 1.21, 1.22, 2.1
Oct 7-9	Propertius 2.5, 2.12, 2.14, 2.15, 2.25*
Oct 14	Propertius 2.34*
Oct 16	Midterm Exam
Oct 21-23	Propertius 3.1, 3.4, 3.5, 3.14, 3.24, 3.25, 4.9*
Friday, Oct 24	Essay #1 due
Oct 28-30	Tibullus 1.1, 1.3
Nov 4-6	Tibullus 1.6, 1.8, 2.6; Lygdamus and Sulpicia selections
Nov 11-13	Ovid <i>Amores</i> opening epigram plus 1.1, 1.2, 1.3
Nov 18-20	Ovid <i>Amores</i> 1.4, 1.5, 1.6
Nov 25	Ovid <i>Amores</i> 1.9
Th, Nov 27	Happy Thanksgiving!
Dec 2	Ovid <i>Amores</i> 1.15, 3.1*, 3.9
Th, Dec 4	Latin Recitations
Tu, Dec 9 and/or Th Dec 11	– Makeup classes, if needed
Friday, Dec 12	Essay #2 due
Final Exam	December 16, 2 p.m.

\*Depending on time, selected passages from these poems will perhaps be read in English translation.