

COURSE OUTLINE

(1) GENERAL

SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY		
ACADEMIC UNIT	PHILOLOGY		
LEVEL OF STUDIES	GRADUATE		
COURSE CODE	MBZF042	SEMESTER	All
COURSE TITLE	Byzantine poetry (10th-12th centuries)		
INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES <i>if credits are awarded for separate components of the course, e.g. lectures, laboratory exercises, etc. If the credits are awarded for the whole of the course, give the weekly teaching hours and the total credits</i>		WEEKLY TEACHING HOURS	CREDITS
Lectures and presentations		3	15
<i>Add rows if necessary. The organisation of teaching and the teaching methods used are described in detail at (d).</i>			
COURSE TYPE <i>general background, special background, specialised general knowledge, skills development</i>	Special field, development of proficiency		
PREREQUISITE COURSES:	NONE		
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION and EXAMINATIONS:	GREEK (in English for Erasmus students)		
IS THE COURSE OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS	YES		
COURSE WEBSITE (URL)	https://elearn.uoc.gr https://sso.uoc.gr/login		

(2) LEARNING OUTCOMES

<p>Learning outcomes</p> <p><i>The course learning outcomes, specific knowledge, skills and competences of an appropriate level, which the students will acquire with the successful completion of the course are described.</i></p> <p>Consult Appendix A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Description of the level of learning outcomes for each qualifications cycle, according to the Qualifications Framework of the European Higher Education Area</i> • <i>Descriptors for Levels 6, 7 & 8 of the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning and Appendix B</i> • <i>Guidelines for writing Learning Outcomes</i>
<p>In the current seminar we will study poetic discourse in Byzantium, in one of the most productive periods of it, from the 10th to the 12th centuries. Through the corpus of works of important poets of this period (such as John Geometres, Symeon the New Theologian, John Mavropous, Michael Psellos, Christopher of Mytilene, Constantine Manasses, Theodore Prodromos), as well as that of minor poets, having also taken into account the previous poetic tradition in Byzantium we will examine major issues on poetry and its representatives: issues concerning the poetic figures of the past, antiquity and its poetic genres, the shifts of the Christian period, the terminology and poetic techniques that went hand in hand with tradition or innovation in the course of time, the place of the poet in every age and society, etc.</p>
General Competences

Taking into consideration the general competences that the degree-holder must acquire (as these appear in the Diploma Supplement and appear below), at which of the following does the course aim?

<i>Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and information, with the use of the necessary technology</i>	<i>Project planning and management</i>
<i>Adapting to new situations</i>	<i>Respect for difference and multiculturalism</i>
<i>Decision-making</i>	<i>Respect for the natural environment</i>
<i>Working independently</i>	<i>Showing social, professional and ethical responsibility and sensitivity to gender issues</i>
<i>Team work</i>	<i>Criticism and self-criticism</i>
<i>Working in an international environment</i>	<i>Production of free, creative and inductive thinking</i>
<i>Working in an interdisciplinary environment</i>
<i>Production of new research ideas</i>	<i>Others...</i>

- Search, analyzing, composition of data and information, by using all the required technological support
- Independent work
- Production of new research ideas
- Practice on criticism and self-criticism
- Promotion of free, creative and inferential way of thinking

(3) SYLLABUS

1. Introductory discussion: traditional and modern views/descriptions of Byzantine poetry and its genres
2. Basic parameters concerning poetic art in Byzantium: verse/metric, antiquity and Christianity, poetic sub-genres and poetic functions, thematics/content: the poet's place in each era, its repercussion and reputation in society: anonymity and branded poetry, the concept of a poetic work, etc.
3. The factor of the material manuscript/book and epigraphic culture.
4. Theoretical principles in the poetic discourse of the time.
5. New trends from one century to the next, the relationship of poetry with the intellectual and spiritual culture.
6. Possible shifts, such as, e.g. from the most traditional epigram to a more personal poetry, with the poet occupying a more central place in his work.
7. The poet and the meaning of the poetic collection inside the full work of an author.
8. Answering a series of questions through specific poetic works:
 - What is the poet's relationship with his audience?
 - What is the relationship between poetry and power and its possible patrons?
 - What is the relationship between poetry and public life as well as cultural trends, education and professional development, literature, faith and the prevailing ideas, man and society of the time?
 - What is the special relationship between poetry and image?
 - What is the special relationship of poetry with public discourse (contemporary discussion) and public space (epigraphy).
9. Conclusions.

(4) TEACHING and LEARNING METHODS - EVALUATION

DELIVERY <i>Face-to-face, Distance learning, etc.</i>	In class
USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching material (files, slides, presentations, editions, studies, monographs and articles), plus

Use of ICT in teaching, laboratory education, communication with students	contact via the <i>elearn</i> platform • Contact via email	
TEACHING METHODS <i>The manner and methods of teaching are described in detail.</i> <i>Lectures, seminars, laboratory practice, fieldwork, study and analysis of bibliography, tutorials, placements, clinical practice, art workshop, interactive teaching, educational visits, project, essay writing, artistic creativity, etc.</i> <i>The student's study hours for each learning activity are given as well as the hours of non-directed study according to the principles of the ECTS</i>	Activity	Semester workload
	Lectures	39
	Independent study and exam preparation	200
	Final written examination	136
	Course total	375
STUDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION <i>Description of the evaluation procedure</i> <i>Language of evaluation, methods of evaluation, summative or conclusive, multiple choice questionnaires, short-answer questions, open-ended questions, problem solving, written work, essay/report, oral examination, public presentation, laboratory work, clinical examination of patient, art interpretation, other</i> <i>Specifically-defined evaluation criteria are given, and if and where they are accessible to students.</i>	Students will be rated through their participation-presence during the seminar, each week of the semester. They will contribute in the presentation of the general subject by presenting to their fellow-students a specific part of the examined material, reporting thus for the progress of their own work. Apart from the three hours week meetings, additional tutorials will support the specific treatment of each subject, while at the same time they will give the chance for clarifying specific questions for each student. After the end of the 13 weeks of the semester, students can send their final written piece of work until the end of the second week of the exams period.	

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