CPAS

Reading List Exams Format

Students will have 3 hours to translate (with dictionary) 3 passages from a group of 4 (about 15 lines of prose and/or 15 lines of poetry for the Greek exam, and about 10-15 lines for the Latin exam). For each passage, they will be asked to identify the author, and the work it belongs to. They will also provide a brief summary of the most relevant context. Where not otherwise noted, the passages will be taken from the most recent OCT editions.

Shortly after having taken the translation-part of the exam, students will be tested on the texts they read in translation. They will have 2 hours to examine 2 passages (about 20 lines each). For each passage, they will be asked to identify the author, and the work it belongs to. In addition, they will provide an analysis of each passage in light of its contexts (for more guidance on this last point, students are invited to consult their advisers).

Timetable:

The exams will be offered 3 times during the academic year. Once at the beginning of the Fall Semester, once at the beginning of the Spring Semester, and once at the end of the Spring Semester. While an exam can be taken at any of these times, students must request an exam in advance. The deadlines are:

Fall deadline: June 30
Early Spring deadline: November 15
Late Spring deadline: February 15

Students will address their requests to the CPAS director. Requests must specify a) the type of exam (whether Greek or Latin), b) the time for which it is requested (whether Fall, Early Spring, or Late Spring), c) the list of texts chosen for the exam(s). The CPAS director will be in touch with the students and fix a date for the exam(s).