

**SUMMER SCHOOL IN LATIN AND GREEK CODICOLOGY AND PALAEOGRAPHY
6-10 JULY 2020**

**SUMMER UNIVERSITY, CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST
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COURSE LIST WITH BRIEF SYLLABUS

Course description

The course includes intensive Latin and Greek practical palaeography seminars, textual criticism instruction, practical assignments of textual criticism and diplomatics, lectures on codicology and diplomatics, introduction to online resources and opportunity for consultation. The intensive practical palaeography seminars will run in four parallel sessions: beginner and advanced options for both Latin and Greek. The other sessions bring together the participants of the parallel tracks.

Informal introduction session

The session is scheduled for the Friday afternoon (2-4pm) prior to the week of the course. Its main purpose is to facilitate an informal meeting of faculty and students. In the absence of meeting personally, the virtual tea room will act as a space within which each participant can briefly introduce themselves so everyone can put names to faces and have some idea of the research interest and background of the others.

Course list with brief syllabus

Latin and Greek palaeography seminars: These intensive seminars will run parallel for the four options and include the reading and transcribing of various scripts, discussing the features of the scripts and hands, practicing the dating of the hands and learning abbreviations and the history of scripts, transcribing charters and discussing their features.

Lectures given by faculty to students of the Latin and Greek options combined will provide new approaches to Latin and Greek codicology, diplomatics and palaeography.

Lecture 1: Anna Somfai: ‘Cognitive elements of medieval manuscript layouts: designing and using the folio space’.

Lecture 2: András Németh: ‘Interactive learning of palimpsests online’.

Lecture 3: Katalin Szende: ‘Trust, authority and authenticity: internal and external signs of authentication on diplomatic documents’.

Virtual manuscript/archival material visit will facilitate the digital viewing of manuscript and archival material, the analysis of whole documents discussing research methods and providing an introduction to various online materials.

Practical palaeography test: Taken on the last day, it will enable both students and faculty to assess student achievement. The test will include the transcription of a Latin or Greek text (digitised images will be used) and the identification of the script.

Textual criticism assignment: Practical instruction will be given in textual criticism on the first day and students will work after the taught sessions on the edition of a paragraph from different manuscripts of the same text (the texts will be given in transcription). The finished work is to be handed in on the fourth day (by 4pm) and the corrected assignments will be discussed on the last day.

Diplomatics assignment includes the transcription and diplomatic analysis of a charter and the production of its content summary, to be handed in on the fourth day (by 4pm).

Individual/small group consultation

The optional consultation will facilitate students with the opportunity to discuss individual research and specific questions with various faculty members. Sign up by Wednesday 5pm.