

Oscan

MT 2026

(Professor Philomen Probert, Mondays 2-3.30 p.m., weeks 5-8, Ioannou Centre)

Four sessions geared towards those who are studying Latin and are taking the 'Historical Linguistics and Comparative Philology' paper in Classics Mods (these students should attend this series in their second year), or paper 554 - 'Comparative Philology: Indo-European, Greek and Latin' - in Greats or the joint schools (these students should attend this series in their final year), or graduate options in Greek philology or Greek and Latin philology. Other interested people are very welcome. For those who attended last year's lectures in "Indo-European, Greek and Latin: Phonology" and "Indo-European, Greek and Latin: Morphology", these sessions will provide some revision on points of Latin and Indo-European philology. But they will also introduce Oscan, an Indo-European language closely related to but distinct from Latin.

The 'Historical Linguistics and Comparative Philology' paper will include an optional question that will allow candidates to translate and comment on inscriptional texts in Oscan, and the 'Comparative Philology: Indo-European, Greek and Latin' will include a compulsory one.

This series will be repeated next year.