

Title of BIP: « Multidisciplinary approaches to Antiquity and its heritage » Third edition: Religions, cults and magic in Greco-Roman World./ Religiones, cultos y magia en el Mundo grecorromano/ Religions, cultes et magie dans le monde gréco-romain/ Religioni, culti e magia nel mondo greco-romano

General information
Objectives and Description: The intensive programme will address the study of religions, cults and magic in Antiquity through different types of sources (litterature, law, coins), different disciplines (history, classics, numismatics, epigraphy), different cultural areas (Greek and Roman worlds) and periods. This subject, at the crossroads of social history, cultural and literary history, will offer Masters students and doctoral candidates in the field of Antiquity a multidisciplinary approach based on the most recent research, within an international framework.
Methods and outcomes: Conferences and seminars from a multidisciplinary perspective. Group work on case studies. Acquire skills and knowledge in the field of ancient science (history, literature, epigraphic and numismatic documentation, etc.) on Religions, cults and magic in Greco-Roman World
Field of Education: Antiquity (Greek and Roman World), Classics (literature, history), History of Religions
Target audience / Participants profile: Master, doctoral candidates
No of ECTS issued: 6 ECTS Pass/ Fail (Apto/ no apto)
Language of instruction and requirements: French, Italian, Spanish, and English
Dates for physical activity: 23 November to 27 November 2026 (five days intensive on-site activities)
Location of physical activity: Universidad de Zaragoza, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, C/ Pedro Cerbuna 11, 50009 Zaragoza
Dates for virtual component: November 2026
Virtual Component Description:

Virtual mobility will take place during November, prior to the in-person phase, comprising a total of 15 hours. It is planned to include an introductory session (2 hour), four lectures on the course topic lasting three or four hours each (presentation and discussion), and a group work session on a documentary dossier supervised by a teacher tutor (3 hours). They will work in autonomy, with regular progress reports.

Organizing Board

Receiving/Host university:

Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain (Rosa M^a Marina Sáez, rmarina@unizar.es)

Sending/Partner universities:

P1. Université de Savoie-Mont Blanc, France (Laurent Guichard, LaurentGuichard@univ-smb.fr)

P2. Università degli Studi di Torino, Italy (Luigi Silvano, luigi.silvano@unito.it)

Detailed programme

1. Planned activities during virtual component:

A) Introductory session: Rosa M^a Marina Sáez (2 hour): 3/11/2026

B) Sessions on the course topic

3 h USMB

3 h UNITO

2+2 h UNIZAR

C) Group work session (3 hours)

2. Planned activities during physical component:

1st day:

Morning

8.30-9.00 Reception of participants

9-10 Presentation of the course (Decan of the Faculty / Head of the Department of Ancient Sciences / Coordinator of the Master en Mundo Antiguo y Patrimonio Arqueológico)

10-11.30 Conference-Seminar

Religion and entertainment in the ancient world (UNIZAR)

11.30-12 Coffee Break

12-13.30 Conference-Seminar

Religion in late antiquity (UNIZAR)

13.30-14 Discussion

Afternoon

16-19 -Caesaraugusta Tour: Roman Theatre, Forum, Baths and River Port museums

2nd day:

Morning

8.30-10 Conference-Seminar

Religions in late antiquity (UNIZAR)

10-11-30 Conference-Seminar

Ancient Religions in epigraphy (UNIZAR)

UNIZAR

11.30-12.00 Coffee Break

12-13.30 Conference-Seminar

Roman religion and numismatics (UNIZAR)

13.30-14 Discussion

Afternoon

16-19

Christian Zaragoza in Roman times: Church of Santa Engracia.

Visit to the old town

3rd day:

Morning

8.30-10 Conference-Seminar

Ancient religions and cults in Roman empire

USMB

10-11-30 Conference-Seminar

Religion in Ancient Greece

USBM

11.30-12.00 Coffee Break

12-13.30 Conference-Seminar

Ancient religions and the afterlife

UNITO

13.30-14 Discussion

Afternoon

16-19h Islamic Zaragoza: the Aljafería Palace

4th day:

Morning

8.30-13.30 h Visit to Archaeological site or equivalent + team work

Evening

17-20 Mythology and cinema: lecture+ film screening+discussion

5th day:

Morning

8.30-10 Conference-Seminar

Religion and gestuality from Ancient world to Renaissance (UNIZAR)

10-11.30 Conference-Seminar

Roman Religion and Magic (UNIZAR)

UNIZAR

11.30-12.00 Coffee Break

12-13.30 Conference-Seminar

Roman Religion in socio cultural context (UNIZAR)

13.30-14 Discussion

Afternoon

Assessment Test and discussion

Application procedure

Details about the application procedure can be provided by the local Erasmus office/International office or the local coordinator in each of the universities acting as sending partners.

Organizational funds:

The University of Zaragoza will cover some meals (five lunches at a dining hall) during the physical mobility, tickets to the museum and the city tour. If there are enough funds, the University of Zaragoza may also cover one dinner and some coffee breaks. The film festival screenings are free.

Accommodation:

The University of Zaragoza cannot provide accommodation, as students must pay for their own accommodation with the grant received from their universities. Booking accommodation in advance is highly recommended.

Hostal Ávila offers affordable rooms (35-50 euros per night) close to the university. Some rooms have been pre-booked and are available on a first-come, first-served basis: <https://www.elhostalavila.com/> Please contact pgomez@unizar.es for more information.

Colegio Mayor Pedro Cerbuna also offers rooms within the campus. Prices range between 30 and 67 euros per night, although the number of rooms available is very limited: <https://cerbuna.unizar.es/>

Other hotels close to the university include:

Hotel Gran Vía. <https://www.granviahotel.com/es/>

Hotel B&B Zaragoza Royal <https://www.hotel-bb.com/es/hotel/zaragoza-royal>

U Hotel Villa-Gomá <https://hotelvillagoma.es/>

The organizers can also provide other suggestions once students have been selected.

Travelling to Zaragoza:

By plane

You can reach Zaragoza by plane from Milan Bergamo, Roma-Fiumicino, Bucarest-Henri Coandă, Cluj Napoca, London Stansted, and Brussels Charleroi.

Ryanair and Wizz Air are currently the only carriers with international destinations. Please check their websites for details on dates and times of operation.

Otherwise, the airports in Barcelona or Madrid are good options.

By train

Zaragoza is very well-connected to Madrid and Barcelona by high-speed rail. It takes around 1 hour and 30 minutes to get to Madrid Atocha or Barcelona Sants. In Zaragoza, the main station is Zaragoza Delicias.

Trains on the Madrid-Zaragoza-Barcelona line are operated by Renfe, Ouigo and Iryo.

<https://www.renfe.com/es/en>

<https://www.ouigo.com/es/en>

<https://iryo.eu/en/home>

You can check the times of all trains (from different companies) here: <https://www.thetrainline.com/en-us>

RENFE and SNCF operate direct trains from French cities to Barcelona and Zaragoza.

Renfe operates the routes between Marseille and Zaragoza and between Lyon and Barcelona. You can check the current stops and times here: <https://www.renfe.com/es/en/renfe-group/communication/renfe-today/press-room/renfe-presents-ave-high-speed-services-france-two-routes-spain-lyon-marseille>

Information on the routes operated by SNCF (Paris-Barcelona) can be found here: <https://www.sncf-voyageurs.com/en/travel-with-us/in-europe/>

By bus

You may also consider travelling by bus. This can be an interesting option if your flight arrives late or departs early from the Madrid-Barajas airport, as some buses stop directly at the airport (Terminal 4). The journey from Zaragoza to Madrid's airport takes 3 hours and 30/45 minutes. You can check the times on the ALSA website:

<https://www.alsa.com/en/web/bus/home>

deadline:

Deadline to apply: 15.10.2026

Students number: 40

The course is open to all universities in the UNITA alliance.

Places offered for each university: 5



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