

Introduction to Documentary Papyrology

The seminar is designed to introduce participants to the study of Greek documentary papyri of the Ptolemaic and Roman periods. It will cover historical, palaeographical, and linguistic aspects of the subject in a relatively broad way, introducing students to important groups of documents and their socio-historical context within a chronological framework. The subject will be taught primarily through case studies. The seminar is open to graduates and advanced undergraduates. A good knowledge of Greek is assumed. Handouts and images will be available on Canvas under 'Classics Graduate Seminars'.

Week 1. Introduction: Materials, Resources, Methods. The earliest Greek documentary papyri.

Week 2. Ptolemaic period: The Zenon archive.

Week 3. Ptolemaic period: Some important official texts. Electronic resources.

Week 4. Ptolemaic period: Other private archives.

Week 5. Roman period: First century.

Week 6. Roman period: Ostraca from the Eastern Desert (with guest lecturer Dr Diane Coomans).

Week 7. Roman period: Second century.

Week 8. Roman period: Third century.