

Indo-European, Greek and Latin: Phonology (Prof. P. Probert)

Together with the Morphology lectures beginning in week 7 (and continued in Trinity term), these are the core lectures for the philology subject in Classics Mods and the joint schools including Classics, and for the 'Comparative Philology: Indo-European, Greek and Latin' paper in Greats and in the joint schools including Classics. They also form part of the teaching for the comparative philology papers in the taught graduate courses in Classics. Other interested people are very welcome. These lectures aim to introduce the phonological history of Greek and Latin and the sound system of their reconstructed ancestor, Proto-Indo-European; they also serve as an introduction to the methods and aims of reconstruction. Basic knowledge of either Latin or ancient Greek (or both) is helpful; those taking Mods IB, IC, IIA, or IIB will be at no disadvantage.

Handouts will be provided and students will be encouraged to do some exercises; these are distributed at the end of each lecture and offer an opportunity for practice and reinforcement of new material and concepts. The Phonology course covers all the sounds reconstructed for Proto-Indo-European and the sound laws that link Proto-Indo-European forms to those attested in Latin and Greek. The Morphology part will begin in seventh week with the declension of nouns.

These lectures will be repeated next year.