

**Statute of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Paris (1255). From *Chartularium Universitatis Parisiensis*, pp. 277-279**

It must be clear to everybody that we, masters of arts, through a common agreement and unanimously, pushed by a new and incredible danger that comes on our Faculty, because some masters rush in concluding their lessons in a time that is inferior to what is required by the number and the difficulty of the books, ... we stated and ordered that all the masters of our Faculty are obliged in the future to complete the reading of the books started in the celebration of the blessed Remigius in the times that are mentioned below.

By the celebration of the Annunciation of the holy Virgin or within the last day before that date, it must be completed the reading of the *Old Logic* (i.e. the *Isagogé*) of Porphyry, the *Categories*, the treatise *On the Interpretation*, the *Divisions* and the *Topics* of Boethius, except the fourth book; at the same time the *Institutions of Grammar* of Priscian (the parts major and minor), the *Topics*, the *Sophistical Refutations*, the *Prior and Second Analytics* of Aristotle. The *Ethics*, as for the first four books, have to be read within twelve weeks if combined with another text, within six weeks if read alone; three small books (*On the Six Principles*, the *Barbarismus* and *On the accent*), if read alone, within six weeks. The *Physics* of Aristotle, the *Metaphysics* and the treatise *On the animals* must be read before the celebration of St. John the Baptist; the treatise *On the sky and the world*, the first and the fourth book of the *Meteorologica* before the Ascension; The book *On the soul*, if read together with the natural books, by the Ascension, if together with the books on logic, within the Annunciation; the treatise *On the generation and corruption* within the celebration of the Chair of St. Peter; the *Book on the causes* in seven weeks; *On the sense and perceived* in six weeks; *On the plants* in five weeks; *On the memory and reminiscence* in two weeks; *The difference between spirit and soul* in two weeks; *On death and life* in one week. ...

So, nobody shall try to infringe this page of our statute or go against its dispositions. If anybody will try something similar, he must know that he will receive the indignation of the whole University and the suspension from the lessons until one year.