Abstract

This bachelor’s thesis investigates one of the essential values of the ancient Roman society called *virtus*. It gives concised summary of the development of the concept of this value during the Roman republic based on the analysis of passages from the chosen ancient sources. Besides it shows the variable meaning of *virtus*, which depends on the stressed aspect of this value. The main subject of this bachelor’s thesis is the interpretation of *virtus* in the books XXI-XXX of Livy based on the analysis of the author’s original text. It focuses on Livy’s motivation in the use of this value: it explores which aspect of *virtus* he accentuates, whom he ascribes it, and studies concrete manifestations of this value. This interpretation might help to understand ancient Roman mentality, which regarded *virtus* as its fundamental value during the entire Roman history.