

Stemmatics

In some usage, the stemmatic method and stemmatics may refer exclusively to work carried out in the tradition of [Lachmannian](#) genealogical [textual criticism](#). For example, in one guide to the [transmission](#) of Greek and Latin literature, the authors state 'The classic statement of the theory of stemmatics is that of Paul Maas' (Reynolds and Wilson 1991, p. 211; Maas himself uses the term in *Textkritik*, p. 26). However, in more recent and contemporary usage the terms 'stemmatics' and '[stemmatology](#)' are often used interchangeably. The *Oxford English Dictionary*, for example, directs readers looking for information on 'stemmatics' to the entry on 'stemmatology'.

References

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In other languages

DE: Stemmantik
FR: stemmatique
IT: stemmatica

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