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M-F 1:10-2:00
LA 342
Office Hours: MTThF 12:30-1:00,
TTh 3:30-5:15 & by appointment

LATIN 101: ELEMENTARY LATIN

- Required Texts:**
- F. Wheelock. *Wheelock's Latin*. 6th Edition Revised. Harper Collins 2000.
 - A. Groton & J. May. *Latin Stories*. 5th Edition Revised. Bolchazy-Carducci 1995.
 - (Quartarone) Packet of Exercises
- Recommended Text:**
- *English Grammar for Students of Latin*.
- Course Components:**
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| Daily preparation & participation: | 25% |
| Quizzes: | 40% |
| Tests: | 35% |

Course Objectives: to acquaint you with the language of Ancient Rome and ground you firmly in the knowledge of grammar, syntax and vocabulary; to impart to you an appreciation for the Latin language and Roman culture; and to provide you with the skills and needed to read Latin with ease and confidence.

General Syllabus: We shall aim to complete approximately 22 Chapters by the close of the semester. At times, we may be able to proceed rather quickly whereas at others the difficulty of the material may require a slower pace, so we all must remain flexible. Please make note of the following important dates:

Monday, 22 September	Last day to add/drop by Cyberbear (w/refund)
Monday, 13 October	Last day to add/drop by petition (w/o refund)
Tuesday, 11 November	Veteran's Day Holiday -- no classes
Wednesday-Friday, 26-28 November	Thanksgiving Break -- no classes
Tuesday, 16 December	Final Exam (1:10-3:10)

Attendance & Participation: As with the acquisition of any foreign language, attendance is crucial. It is important for you to be exposed to Latin *every* day (and so on those days when class does not meet I request that you spend at least some time reviewing vocabulary and reading and re-reading the assignments). Since I will expect you to be prepared to translate every day, you should always expect to be called upon. I will allow you three (3) unexcused absences for the semester; each unexcused absence thereafter will result in the lowering of your final grade by 1/3 (i.e., A- lowers to B+ for one absence, to B for two, et cetera). An excused absence may be obtained by providing me with *ante absentiam* notification (e.g., you will be out of town) or (*post absentiam*) by furnishing a doctor's note.

Homework: Expect homework daily. Homework will usually consist of learning new vocabulary, completing translation exercises or drills, or preparing for quizzes and tests. It is understood that when I issue an assignment for the following day, you will come to class having prepared the homework and be ready to participate.

Quizzes: Quizzes will occur frequently. Normally there will be at least one quiz per chapter, sometimes two. You may expect quizzes to be brief, often on some grammar, morphology or vocabulary most recently covered. I do NOT correct quizzes; I circle your errors and return them to you for corrections which are always due the following day (unless otherwise specified). I will restore to you partial credit for accurate corrections.

Tests: There will be a test on all material covered at intervals of approximately six or eight chapters.

Tests will normally include sentences and passages to translate, questions on morphology and syntax, and other information discussed in class. Since tests are of necessity comprehensive, there will not be a separate midterm exam. The last test for the semester will occur during finals week and will cover all material learned during the semester.

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TIPS FOR THE TRANSLATOR OR TRANSLATRIX

You are only weeks away from reading Latin with relative ease. How few those weeks are, and how relative the ease, will depend upon how well you follow these guidelines:

1. Always begin any chapter's assignment by reviewing that chapter's vocabulary and morphology.
2. Read through the assigned sentences or passage slowly, in Latin, preferably aloud. *DO NOT LOOK UP WORDS.* DO look to see the general shape and the structures of the sentences. As you acquire grammar, you will begin to notice grammatical constructions as you read. Notice how phrases fall together; a passage is NOT a conglomeration of separate words; NOTE word order. *THIS STEP IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT* in: 1) getting you accustomed to reading Latin as a Language and not a series of dictionary entries, and 2) making you familiar with the rhythm and syntax of Latin. You will get an overview and a notion of which words (all of them?? impossible!!) you need to look up, and which words you can understand via context. *THIS COMPLETE STEP MAY BE PROFITABLY REPEATED!*
3. Now read through the assignment sentence by sentence, working on grammar and translation, looking up words *as necessary*. Learn to make informed guesses, but not as a short cut. Keep word lists or make flash cards religiously and review them devoutly and often. Write a translation *if you need to*, carefully and neatly, double-spaced to help you add revisions. (Written in pencil, a translation may be easily corrected.) *DO NOT WRITE TRANSLATIONS IN YOUR BOOKS*; what you gain in lack of nervousness about translating in class you will lose in confidence in your memory. Note difficult spots in the assignment, to ask about either in class or during office hours. *Always* ask about any translation or construction which you do not fully understand.
4. After you have completed the assignment, *some time later* slowly RE-READ the Latin, reviewing with particular care the problem spots. Many people (to their grief!) skip steps 1, 2 & 4 and snowplow through step 3 only, grateful to finish the assignment. Doing this will only make vocabulary acquisition more difficult, and will further extend the period during which you feel like you are merely groping through Latin.
5. Your work will be more easily and more profitably completed if you....
 - a. Spend frequent and not overly long periods on your assignments. Several short, quality sessions during the week will be much more advantageous than a couple of marathons. Do some work or review DAILY. Read and re-read (and re-read, and re-read...).
 - b. Keep vocabulary lists (a specific vocabulary notebook is essential); create and use flashcards; work with a classmate; take notes on new constructions.
6. Class time is for translating and asking questions. Come prepared to translate and with your questions ready! Class time is NOT for writing down translations as this distracts you from reading and comprehending the Latin; it also provides a crutch. You will learn to read Latin by reading Latin, not by reading your english translations.

"PRAECEPTUM AUREUM:"

Lege cotidie crebroque.

Lege cum voce.

Non convertite verba in libris.

Non timete ne erretis.

An APPROXIMATE Schedule

<u>hebdomas</u>	<u>dies</u>			
I: (prima) Martis	Lunae Aug 31: Mercurii Iovis Veneris Sep 3:	Aug 30: Intro to 105 Capitulum I Sep 1: Sep 2: Capitulum II		
II: (secunda)	Lunae Martis Mercurii Iovis Veneris Sep 10:	Sep 6: Festum: Dies Laboris Sep 7: Sep 8: Capitulum III Sep 9: Sep 10:		
III: (tertia)	Lunae Martis Mercurii Iovis Veneris Sep 17:	Sep 13: Sep 14: Sep 15: Sep 16: Sep 17:	Capitulum IV Capitulum V	
IV: (quarta) Martis	Lunae Sep 21: Mercurii Iovis Veneris Sep 24:	Sep 20: Sep 21: Sep 22: Sep 23: Sep 24:	Periculum I Capitulum VI	
V: (quinta) Martis	Lunae Sep 28: Mercurii Iovis Veneris Oct 1:	Sep 27: Sep 28: Sep 29: Sep 30: Oct 1:	Capitulum VII Capitulum VIII	
VI: (sexta)	Lunae Martis Mercurii Iovis Veneris Oct 8:	Oct 4: Oct 5: Oct 6: Oct 7: Oct 8:	Capitulum IX Periculum II	
VII: (septima)	Lunae Martis Mercurii Iovis Veneris Oct 15:	Oct 11: Oct 12: Oct 13: Oct 14: Oct 15:	Capitulum X Capitulum XI	
VIII: (octava) Martis	Lunae Oct 19: Mercurii Iovis Veneris Oct 22:	Oct 18: Oct 19: Oct 20: Oct 21: Oct 22:	Capitulum XII Capitulum XIII	
IX:	Lunae Oct 25:	Oct 25:		

(nona)	Martis	Oct 26:	Capitulum XIV
	Mercurii	Oct 27:	
	Iovis	Oct 28:	
	Veneris	Oct 29:	Periculum III
X: (decima)	Lunae	Nov 1:	Capitulum XV
	Martis	Nov 2:	
	Mercurii	Nov 3:	
	Iovis	Nov 4:	Capitulum XVI
	Veneris	Nov 5:	
XI: (undecima)	Lunae	Nov 8:	
	Martis	Nov 9:	Capitulum XVII
	Mercurii	Nov 10:	
	Iovis	Nov 11:	Festum: Dies Veteranorum
	Veneris	Nov 12:	
XII: (duodecima)	Lunae	Nov 15:	Capitulum XVIII
	Martis	Nov 16:	
	Mercurii	Nov 17:	
	Iovis	Nov 18:	Capitulum XIX
	Veneris	Nov 19:	
XIII: (tertia decima)	Lunae	Nov 22:	
	Martis	Nov 23:	Periculum IV
	Mercurii	Nov 24:	Festum: Dies Gratiarum
	Iovis	Nov 25:	Festum: Dies Gratiarum
	Veneris	Nov 26:	Festum: Dies Gratiarum
XIV: (quarta Martis decima)	Lunae	Nov 29:	Capitulum XX
		Nov 30:	
	Mercurii	Dec 1:	
	Iovis	Dec 2:	Capitulum XXI
	Veneris	Dec 3:	
XV: (quinta Martis decima)	Lunae	Dec 6:	
		Dec 7:	Capitulum XXII
	Mercurii	Dec 8:	
	Iovis	Dec 9:	
	Veneris	Dec 10:	

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Verba Utilia

omn_s

responde (respond_te) Latine

lege Latine (Latinam)

dic (dicite) Latine

scribe (scribite) Latine

converte (convertite) Latinam

aud_ (aud_te)

repete (repetite)

salv_ (salv_te), o discipul_

val_ (val_te), o discipul_

tac_ (tac_te)

quiesce (quiescite)

st_ (st_te)

sed_ (sed_te)

ambul_ (ambul_te) ad fenestram (ad tabulam, ad magistram...)

" ab fenestra (a tabula, a magistra...