

Lingua latina



Elementary Latin 1/Classics 111
Fall 2009

Macalester College
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Course Webpage: <http://moodle.macalester.edu> (Elementary Latin I)

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Course Description:

This course and Classics 112 in the spring will introduce you to the grammatical principles and vocabulary of Latin and prepare you for reading unadapted Latin texts. With this foundation you will be able to begin reading a wide range of ancient, medieval, and Renaissance authors: Ennius, Plautus, Cato, Lucretius, Catullus, Vergil, Horace, Livy, Seneca, Tacitus, Aquinas, Petrarch, Erasmus, Milton, and Newton, to name but a few.

You will acquire the language through practice oral and written drills, translations of sentences, the reading of actual Latin texts, quizzes and exams. There are four class meetings per week; the 'lab' is treated as a regular class period. The completion of four semesters of Latin or the equivalent fulfills the Macalester foreign language requirement.

Major programs in Classics:

The sequence of Latin language classes is a component of the major concentrations that our department offers. For complete details about the Classics major and information about a Classics minor consult the Macalester course catalog, the Classics department webpage, <http://www.macalester.edu/classics/>, Classics faculty and your academic advisor.

Latin in the Major Tracks:

Classical languages: 7 courses combined of **Latin** and Greek, at least one at the advanced level, plus other specified supporting classes. (9 total)

Classical Civilization: **Latin**, Greek, Arabic or Hebrew at intermediate level plus other specified civilization classes (9 total)

Archaeology: **Latin**, Greek, Arabic or Hebrew at intermediate level plus other specified archaeology classes (11 total)

Course Materials:

Required texts:

- 1) *Learn to Read Latin* A. Keller and S. Russell, Yale
- 2) *Learn to Read Latin: Workbook* A. Keller and S. Russell, Yale

Not required but highly recommended is the following:

English Grammar for Students of Latin N. Goldman, Olivia and Hill Press

Selected web resources:

Electronic Resources for Classicists <http://www.tlg.uci.edu/index/resources.html>

eLatin eGreek eLearn <http://eclassics.ning.com>

Perseus Digital Library <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper>

Course Requirements/Fall Semester:

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| 1. Regular attendance and class participation | 15% |
| 2. Daily assignments (lowest three scores dropped). | 20% |
| 3. Weekly quizzes (lowest score dropped). | 15% |
| 4. Two Mid-semester exams. | 25% |
| 5. Final Exam (comprehensive) Thursday, Dec. 17 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. | 25% |

Study suggestions and tips:

Regularity in class attendance and completion of homework is the most important component in acquiring a new language. The average ratio of hours of outside preparation to hours in class is 2/1. Frequent quizzes/evaluations provide the incentive to keep up. Flash cards are enormously beneficial in memorizing the large amount of vocabulary required for this course. Studying with other class members is frequently beneficial. The class list is available through *1600 Grand* and Moodle. If you feel yourself falling behind, come see me or our preceptor Nina Mallory immediately for help in getting back on track. Above all come to class prepared and ask questions!

Classroom Compartment:

Personal electronics: The use of computers, cellular phones, iPods, PDAs, Kindles or any other personal electronic devices is forbidden while class is in session. Please make sure to turn off and stow them before class begins. Failure to comply will result in a point deduction from your final grade.

Absences: If there is need for absence from class, especially on quiz days, please notify me in advance via email or phone. **Missed quizzes due to unexcused absences will be scored as zeroes.** If absent, you will be responsible for obtaining all handouts from the class period - outside my office OM 316 or on the Moodle page. More than 5 absences from class during the semester will result in the lowering of your final grade. More than 10 absences results in an automatic failing grade.

Assignments: Assignments are due at the beginning of the class period. A weekly schedule of assignments will be handed out every Monday and posted on the course Moodle page.

7 Homework turned in late will be graded but will suffer point deductions as follows:

-5% submitted **on the due date anytime after the beginning of the class period.**

-20% submitted **one day** after the due date. (recorded but not graded or returned)

7 Homework submitted later than one class period after due date will not be accepted

Extra credit: Occasional extra credit assignment will be available to the entire class; they will not be made on an individual basis. No extra credit assignments will be accepted after final course grades have been submitted.

Academic Malfeasance: Scholastic dishonesty, including both cheating on assignments or exams and plagiarism (the representation of another's work as your own), will be punished with a grade of F for the course and you will be reported to the Dean of Students and the Office of Academic Programs. For more information as to what constitutes scholastic dishonesty please consult the College's Academic Honesty Policy.

General Communication: You are responsible for checking your email routinely for information from Nina or me. Any modifications made to assignments, schedule, etc. will be communicated via email. I will try to give you 12 hour notice of any changes.

Disabilities: Reasonable accommodations are available for students with documented disabilities. Please meet with the Associate Dean of Students, Lisa Landreman, who will serve as the coordinator for services for students with disabilities. It is important to meet with her at the beginning of the semester to ensure that your accommodations are approved and in place to begin the semester successfully. The Associate Dean can be reached in the Office of Student Affairs, 119 Weyerhaeuser, by phone at 651-696-6220, or email llandrem@macalester.edu.

Grading Scale:

94-100	A	80-82	B-	68-69	D+
90-93	A-	78-79	C+	62-67	D
88-89	B+	73-77	C	59-61	D-
83-87	B	70-72	C-	0-58	F

*A final grade of C- or higher is required 1) if you are registered Pass/No Credit 2) to advance to the next class in the sequence.

Schedule of Units/ Fall Semester:

Read every chapter thoroughly as you will be responsible for all the explanatory material contained therein, whether or not we discuss it in class.

Sept. 9-11 Week 1 Introduction: Pronunciation of Latin

Sept. 14-18 Week 2 Chapter 1: The Noun. The Declensions. The Cases.

Sept. 21-25 Week 3 Chapter 1: The Noun. 1st and 2nd Declension.

Sept. 28- Oct. 2 Week 4 Chapter 2: The Verb.

Oct. 5 – 9 Week 5 Chapter 2: Dative of the Possessor. Word Order.

- **Mid-Semester Exam I - Monday, 10/12**

Oct. 12-16 Week 6 Chapter 3: The Passive Voice. The Adjective.

Oct. 19-23 Week 7 Chapters 3 + 4: Uses of the Ablative. Verb Conjugations.

Oct. 26-28 Week 8 Chapter 4: Genitive Case uses.

✂ **Mid-Semester Break 10/29 -11/1**

Nov. 2-6 Week 9 Chapter 5: The Perfect Tense.

Nov. 9-13 Week 10 Chapter 5: Reflexive and Intensive Pronouns. Adverbs.

- **Mid-Semester Exam II - Monday, 11/16**

Nov. 16-20 Week 11 Chapter 6: Perfect Passive

Nov. 23-25 Week 12 Chapter 6: Special Uses of the Ablative

✂ **Thanksgiving Break 11/26 -11/29**

Nov. 30-Dec.4 Week 13 Chapter 7: The Subjunctive.

Dec. 7-11 Week 14 Chapters 7 + 8: The Subjunctive. Conditions.

Dec. 14-15 Week 15 Chapter 8: 3rd Declension Adjectives. Deponent Verbs.

Schedule of Quizzes

M 9/14

M 9/21

M 9/28

M 10/5

M 10/19

M 10/26

M 11/2

M 11/30

M 12/7

