Latin 1: Elementary Latin

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OVERVIEW

Latin 1 is designed to provide a thorough and rigorous introduction to the Latin language. We will work our way through a text specifically designed for rapid comprehension, learning the fundamentals and finer points of Latin grammar, syntax, vocabulary, and prose style. Our goal is to cover the first nine chapters of the textbook. Latin 2 will cover chapters 10-18.

REQUIREMENTS

The course text is Moreland & Fleischer, Latin: an Intensive Course. You will need no other books (i.e., skip the dictionary), but a hearty stack of index cards is a must.

The work for the course will consist of daily reading and written assignments from the text. In addition, I strongly recommend that you make and use flash cards to facilitate learning vocabulary (though this is not a strict requirement, and I will not ask you to hand them in). I expect you to spend approximately 8 hours per week completing assignments, reviewing old material, practicing vocabulary, and studying for quizzes.

In class, we will review assignments, take tests/quizzes (see below), discuss new material, and address any problems you may have. *It is imperative that you ask a question when you have one.* Anything left unclear at an early stage will become a major hindrance later on. So speak up!

GRADING

Your grade will be based on four components:

♦ Class participation/homework (30%): This means, essentially, how well prepared you are for class, how much of the nightly assignments you complete, and how willing you are to play the role of the eager, aspiring Latin student. As long as you do what I ask of you and work as hard as you can, you won't need to worry about this.

♦ Quizzes (25%): I will not be collecting/manually correcting homework, but will use regular quizzes (once or twice a week, 5-10 minutes in duration) to evaluate your progress. These quizzes will cover vocabulary, grammar, translation, etc., and will (generally) be previously announced.

♦ Midterm (20%): You will have a midterm exam (50 minutes) in class on Friday, October 11 (but see schedule of assignments for the possibility of a different date).

♦ Final (25%): The final exam is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2-5 p.m.
OTHER INFO

I expect you to come to class every day. However, I understand that the unexpected can sometimes occur, and will not penalize you for absences - missing class (and having to catch up) will be punishment enough. Missing class on a regular basis will be problematic. Also: please sleep on your own time.

I am always happy to entertain your questions and complaints immediately before, during, and immediately after class. If you need additional assistance, let me know ASAP. Most weekdays, I am on campus all day (from 8-6, or so) and readily available either in the Classics Department or the Papyrology Room of Perkins Library (room 344D). For getting my immediate attention, personal contact or email works best. I will be holding office hours in the department's grad student office (#016 Social Sciences) from 8-9 a.m., M/W/F, but I will (generally) be happy to meet with you wherever (and whenever) is most convenient.