

Monmouth College: Spring 2009
CLAS 224, Word Elements, 3 credits
MWF 1:00-1:50, WH 205

Instructor: Dr. Wine, office WH 16, x2332; office hours: MWF 10:30-11

Course Description:

The aim of this course is to make you more conscious of words and their history and to increase your English vocabulary by studying how words are formed, by learning Latin and Greek elements in English words, and by improving dictionary usage. This course fulfills no general education requirement at Monmouth College, but it does satisfy requirements for a major or minor in Classics.

Class Format:

This course requires effort and participation on a daily basis. You are expected to keep up regularly with class assignments, and to volunteer and participate in class activities.

Diagnostic Examinations:

Diagnostic examinations will be administered twice, once at the beginning and again at the end of the semester. While your performance on this examination cannot affect your grade negatively, improved scores on the second exam can have a positive effect on your final grade.

Evaluation:

The final average is based on 200 daily homework points, 200 points for quizzes, 200 points for daily participation, 200 points for the final project, and 200 points for the final exam. Extra credit points are available for attendance at archaeology lectures (with a 1-2 page summary and response paper submitted for each, 2 points per paper).

Daily homework assignments will be collected and graded. Up to three homework assignments may be submitted late for a grade. Quizzes may be made up within two weeks for half credit. Quizzes taken on time may be corrected for half credit on points lost.

Grading scale: A (100-91), B (90-80), C (79-68), D (67-57).

Texts:

Donald Ayers' *English Words from Latin and Greek Elements*, 2nd edition (The University of Arizona Press 1986)
and access to a good dictionary

Schedule: The following schedule shows when material will be covered, dates for quizzes, and deadlines for project requirements. The instructor may make modifications announced in class, however, as necessary, based on class needs and preferences; it is the student's responsibility to be aware of changes made in class.

Week 1.

Wed, Jan 14. diagnostic exam
Fri, Jan 16. Latin I exercises

Week 2.

Mon, Jan 19. no class
Wed, Jan 21. Latin II and III exercises
Fri, Jan 23. Latin IV exercises

Week 3.

Mon, Jan 26. Latin V and VI exercises
Wed, Jan 28. Latin VII exercises
Fri, Jan 30. quiz (1-7)

Week 4.

Mon, Feb 2. Latin VIII and IX exercises
Wed, Feb 4. Latin X exercises
Archeology Lecture: "The Western Greeks and their Neighbors" (Augustana College)
Fri, Feb 6. Latin XI exercises

Week 5.

Mon, Feb 9. Latin XII and XIII exercises
Wed, Feb 11. Latin XIV exercises
Fri, Feb 13. quiz (8-14)

Week 6.

Mon, Feb 16. Latin XV and XVI exercises
Archeology Lecture: "Hercle or Herakles: Hero-gods in the Middle Ground of Ancient Italy" (Morgan Room)
Wed, Feb 18. Latin XVII exercises
Fri, Feb 20. Latin XVIII and XIX exercises; project prospectus due

Week 7.

Mon, Feb 23. Latin XX exercises
Archeology Lecture: "The Habits of Empire: Baths and Cultural Change in Roman Palestine" (Morgan Room)
Wed, Feb 25. Latin XXI and XXII exercises
Fri, Feb 27. Latin XXIII exercises

Week 8.

Mon, Mar 2. Latin XXIV and XXV exercises
Wed, Mar 4. Quiz
Fri, Mar 6. Greek I exercises

break: Mar 9-13

Week 9.

Mon, Mar 16. Greek II and III exercises
Wed, Mar 18. Greek IV exercises
Fri, Mar 20. Greek V and VI exercises

Week 10.

Mon, Mar 23. Greek VII exercises
Wed, Mar 25. Quiz (1-7)
Fri, Mar 27. Greek VIII and IX exercises

Week 11.

Mon, Mar 30. Greek X exercises
Tue, Mar 31. Archeology Lecture: "What's New at Manchu Picchu?" (Knox, Ferris Lounge of Seymour Union)
Wed, Apr 1. Greek XI and XII exercises
Fri, Apr 3. no class

Week 12.

Mon, Apr 6. Greek XIII and XIV exercises
Wed, Apr 8. Quiz (8-14)
Fri, Apr 10. no class

Week 13.

Mon, Apr 13. no class
Wed, Apr 15. Greek XV exercises
Archeology lecture: "Excavating the Emerald Isle" (Morgan Room)
Fri, Apr 17. Greek XVI and XVII exercises; project update due

Week 14.

Mon, Apr 20. Greek XVIII exercises
Wed, Apr 22. Greek XIX and XX exercises
Fri, Apr 24. Quiz (15-20)

Week 15.

Mon, Apr 27. Greek XXI exercises
Wed, Apr 29. Greek XXII and XXIII exercises
Fri, May 1. project presentations

Week 16.

Mon., May 4. project presentations

Wed., May 6. diagnostic exam

Final Exam: Tuesday, May 12, 6:00 pm

Honesty and Plagiarism:

If students do their homework together, identical work which is submitted should be acknowledged. All other classwork, especially quizzes and exams, must be the student's own work. Plagiarism, i.e., copying someone else's work without giving credit--from a book, another classmate's paper, or any other source--is dishonest. Any student submitting plagiarized work will receive a failing grade for that assignment. If two papers with identical or nearly identical work are submitted by different students, both papers will receive a failing grade.