

**Monmouth College: Spring 2010**  
**CLAS 224, Word Elements, 3 credits**  
**MWF 1:00-1:50, WH 114**

**Instructor: Dr. Wine, office WH 16, x2332; office hours: MWF 12:00-12:30**

**Course Description:**

The aim of this course is for you to become conscious of words and their history and to increase your English vocabulary by studying how words are formed, learning Latin and Greek elements in English words, and 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, 3 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*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (The University of Arizona Press 1986)  
and access to a good dictionary with etymologies given in the word entries (*American Heritage* and *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* are both good)

**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 13. diagnostic exam  
Fri, Jan 15. Latin I exercises

**Week 2.**

Mon, Jan 18. no classes  
Wed, Jan 20. Latin II and III exercises  
Fri, Jan 22. Latin IV exercises

**Week 3.**

Mon, Jan 25. Latin V  
Wed, Jan 27. Quiz (1-5)  
Fri, Jan 29. Latin VI and VII exercises

**Week 4.**

Mon, Feb 1. Latin VIII exercises  
Wed, Feb 3. Latin IX and X exercises  
Fri, Feb 5. Quiz (6-10)

**Week 5.**

Mon, Feb 8. Latin XI exercises  
*Feb. 9. "Terra Incognita No Longer: Archaeological Research in Grevena, Southwest Macedonia, Greece" (7:30, Knox College)*  
Wed, Feb 10. Latin XII and XIII exercises  
Fri, Feb 12. Latin XIV exercises

**Week 6.**

Mon, Feb 15. Latin XV exercises  
Wed, Feb 17. Quiz (11-15)  
Fri, Feb 19. Latin XVI and XVII exercises; project prospectus due

**Week 7.**

Mon, Feb 22. Latin XVIII exercises  
Wed, Feb 24. Latin XIX and XX exercises  
*Feb. 25. "Myth and Memory in Ancient Roman Fountains" (7:30, Morgan Room of Poling Hall)*  
Fri, Feb 26. Quiz (16-20)

**Week 8.**

Mon, Mar 1. Latin XXI and XXII exercises  
*Fox Lecture: "Comedy" (7:30)*  
Wed, Mar 3. Latin XXIII and XXIV exercises

Fri, Mar 5. Latin XXV exercises; Quiz (21-25)

break: Mar 8-12

**Week 9.**

Mon, Mar 15. Greek I exercises

Wed, Mar 17. Greek II and III exercises

*Archeology lecture (7:30)*

Fri, Mar 19. Greek IV exercises

**Week 10.**

Mon, Mar 22. Greek V exercises

Wed, Mar 24. Quiz (1-5)

Fri, Mar 26. no class

**Week 11.**

Mon, Mar 29. Greek VI, VII, and VIII exercises

Wed, Mar 31. Greek IX and X exercises

Fri, Apr 2. no classes

**Week 12.**

Mon, Apr 5. no classes

Wed, Apr 7. Quiz (6-10)

Fri, Apr 9. Greek XI and XII exercises

**Week 13.**

Mon, Apr 12. Greek XIII and XIV exercises

Wed, Apr 14. Greek XV exercises

*Apr. 15. "Fans and Fame in the Roman Circus" (7:30, Morgan Room of Peling Hall)*

Fri, Apr 16. Quiz (11-15); project update due

**Week 14.**

Mon, Apr 19. Greek XVI and XVII exercises

Wed, Apr 21. Greek XVIII and XIX exercises

Fri, Apr 23. Quiz (15-20); XX exercises

**Week 15.**

Mon, Apr 26. Greek XXI and XXII exercises

Wed, Apr 28. Greek XXIII and XXIV exercises

Fri, Apr 30. Quiz (21-25); XXV exercises; project due

**Week 16.**

Mon., May 3. Diagnostic exam

Wed., May 5. Project presentations

**Final Exam:** Tuesday, May 11, 6:00 pm