

ELEMENTARY LATIN (Latin 101)

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Meeting: MTWTH, 9:00-9:50 am

Capron Classics Room, Wallace Hall 115

Text: *Disce!: An Introductory Latin Course, Volume 1*

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MyLatinLab Access from Pearson; Course #: **CRSCDWP-481384**

WELCOME to elementary Latin where you will be learning the language of the ancient Romans and the language of such authors as Caesar, Cicero, and Vergil.

Course Description & Aims

This course is primarily directed towards students desiring to meet the freshman requirements for graduation under the foreign language component of the language rubric. Elementary Latin can also fulfill partial requirements for a major in Latin or Classics.

The aim of both semesters of Elementary Latin is for the student to master basic Latin reading and writing skills as quickly and as thoroughly as possible and to begin building a Latin vocabulary. At the end of the two terms of this introductory course a student should know the fundamentals of Latin grammar, have a basic Latin vocabulary, and be able to read any Latin text with the help of a dictionary. Speaking and listening skills in Latin are encouraged only to help the student read and write Latin. While reading Latin is far more important than speaking, listening, or even writing it; doing written assignments that ask you to translate from English to Latin will vastly improve your knowledge of the grammatical forms, and so enhance your ability to read the language.

Meetings

Class meets on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 to 9:50 am in the Capron Classics Room of Wallace Hall (115). Note that there is no class on Friday (!); however, review sessions may occasionally be held at this time, so please do not make any ongoing commitments for this period during the semester. Note class will not meet on October 8th & 9th nor on November 21st & 22nd.

Assignments

Expect daily homework assignments. In addition to those in the workbook, these may include a number of supplementary readings in Latin and handouts with additional exercises. Between studying and completing assignments, plan to spend about 10 hours a week on Latin. All homework assignments will be posted online on My Latin Lab.

Grading

The goal is for every student to earn the best possible grade in the course; therefore the grading system is designed to give each student maximum control over the final grade earned. Always keep in mind, however, that the focus of all assignments, quizzes, and exams is not so much to grade you as to help you learn the material.

- I) **Attendance, class participation, & daily homework assignments** (*meditationes*) together will count as approximately one exam grade. Remember that “80% of success in life is just showing up” and unexcused absences will hinder your progress in the course and lower your overall grade. In order to receive full credit for homework assignments, please complete and submit online or hand in on-time. (20%).
- II) **Quizzes** – Generally at least once a week (10%).
- III) **Exams** - There will be three full-period exams (*probationes*) during the semester. The dates for all exams will be announced at least one week in advance. Students will be encouraged to correct their exams and may receive partial credit for points lost (45%).
- IV) **Final exam** - A cumulative exam given during exam period (25%).

****Diagnostic exam** - This will be administered at the beginning and end of the semester. The purpose is to track each student’s progress in learning Latin; your scores on this exam will not in any way affect your grad in the course.

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