

Syllabus

Latin 240, sec 006
Spring 2007
Herter 108

Magister B. Whitchurch
Intermediate Latin II
MWF 12:20 – 1:10

Contact Info:

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Required Text: Ecce Romani III, 3rd ed. Prentice Hall press (2000)

** Bring to every class meeting **

Website: This will be a useful resource as we proceed with the class and it will be important that you check it regularly. To access the website for this specific class click on “Latin 240” in the box on the top half of the page. The website will allow you to do any of the following:

- Access the course syllabus
- Download hand - outs
- Find the contact information for the instructor or fellow students in the course
- See the homework assignment for the day
- Read important announcements

URL: www.people.umass.edu/bwhitchu

Course Objectives:

Principally, the goal of this course is to synergize what you have learned in your other Latin courses through reading authentic Latin texts. As a result of this you will become better acquainted with the Romans and hopefully see that the Romans were, and still are, a fascinating people. We will be using a variety of Latin texts both inside and outside the textbook so it will be especially important that you pay attention to the schedule and homework assignments listed on the website. Finally, this course will also continue to provide you with experience in listening, writing and pronouncing Latin.

Course Expectations:

- *Attendance and Participation:* These are mandatory for this course – they also constitute crucial elements in a language course and credit will be awarded on a daily basis. You will receive a score of 1 for being present and a score of 0 if you are not. The only exception to this will be if you provide me with a university approved excuse with the appropriate document(s) and signature(s) before the day of your absence. You are responsible for having a contact person to find out what was covered for the class that you missed.
- *Homework:* This is another crucial element to a language course and will be assigned for each class meeting. You will not learn Latin if you do not work with it at home on a daily basis. Only one of these homework assignments will be graded each week, making a total of 15 throughout the semester. A graded homework assignment will be announced the class meeting before it is due. Late work will not be graded – if you are going to be absent on the day a graded homework is due you need to inform me and drop off the assignment in the folder attached my office door before the beginning of class that day.
- *Graded Quizzes:* There will be one graded quiz each week that we do not have exams, making a 12 total throughout the semester. Graded quizzes will be announced the class meeting before we take them and you

will be able to drop the two lowest. Students are responsible for having a contact person if absent for such announcements. To find out about make-ups, see the “policies” section below.

- Exams: We will have three exams throughout the course of the semester. This means that after each four week period there will be one exam. I will ensure that you know about an exam date at least two weeks in advance. I should also note here that it will be absolutely crucial that you *do not miss* these days – if you miss an exam date and you do not have a university approved excuse I will not hesitate to give you a 0. To find out about make-ups, see the “policies” section below.
- *Final*: TBA once available, during final exam period.

Policies:

- *Make-ups*: A university approved reason is necessary for the makeup of a quiz, exam or final. I must be informed ahead of time in writing along with suitable documentation for makeups with university approved reasons.
- *Academic Honesty*: I will not tolerate academic dishonesty of any kind, nor will the university as indicated in *Academic Regulations, 2006 – 2007* pp. 7 – 8: “No form of cheating, plagiarism, fabrication or facilitating of dishonesty will be condoned in the University Community.” Those who violate this will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of university policy. To read more about this, consult the following URL: <http://www.umass.edu/registrar/media/academicregs.pdf>

Grading:

Preparation and participation	5%
Homework	15%
Quizzes	35%
Exams and Final	45%

Grade Scale:

A 93 – 100	C 73 – 76
A- 90 – 92	C- 72 – 70
B+ 87 – 89	D+ 67 – 69
B 83 – 86	D 60 – 66
B- 80 – 82	F 0 – 59
C+ 77 – 79	