

Syllabus

Latin 246
Summer 2007
Herter 110

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Intensive Intermediate Latin
M – F, 9:00 – 12:00

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Required Texts: - Oxford Latin Course Part III Oxford University Press (1997)
- 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 246” 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:

Our primary objectives in this course are to first learn the more advanced elements of basic Latin grammar and second to synergize what you have learned in this class and 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 exercises and Latin texts both inside and outside our textbooks 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. You should not be absent from this class, and in the case that you choose to do so it will dramatically impact your performance in a very negative way. Missing one class in an intensive course such as this one is the equivalent of missing a week or more for a regular semester course. 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. Sometimes we will correct the homework and you will pass it in, sometimes you will pass it in and I will grade it, and sometimes we will go over the homework orally and you won't pass it in. Occasionally there will be other assignments on an as-needed basis. Late work will not be graded – if you are going to be absent you need to inform me and ensure it gets to me. The two lowest homework grades will be dropped.
- *Quizzes:* Because of the volume of material that we need to cover there will be a quiz each day on the material we learned in the preceding class. Usually this will focus on a chapter, but will sometimes cover a series of chapters that touch upon a common theme. The two lowest quiz scores will be dropped.

- Exams: We will have approximately six exams, taken at the end of each week. *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. The lowest test score will be dropped.
- *Midterm and Final*: Given the nature of language, especially in the advanced stages of basic grammar, exams will be continuously comprehensive. There will be no midterm or final for this class – you may now rejoice.

Policies:

- *Make-ups*: You should not be absent from this class, and in the case that you choose to do so it will dramatically impact your performance in a very negative way. Missing one class in an intensive course such as this one is the equivalent of missing a week or more for a regular semester course. A university approved reason is necessary for the makeup of a quiz or exam. I must be informed ahead of time in writing along with suitable documentation for make-ups with university approved reasons. Approved make-ups should take place during office hours.
- *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	15%
Homework	15%
Quizzes	30%
Exams	40%

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	

This is our course’s projected schedule for the rest of July. I will keep a more accurate and more current schedule on the website which you will be able to access through the “schedule and assignments” link.

JULY 2007 – PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Syllabus • Review • OLC Ch. 34 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz OLC ch 34 • OLC 35-36 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz OLC ch. 35-36 • OLC 37-38 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz OLC ch 37-38 • OLC 39-40 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test OLC 34-40 • OLC 41 	21
22	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz OLC 41 • OLC 42 (review)-43 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz OLC 42-43 • OLC 44 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz OLC 44 • OLC 45 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz OLC 45 • OLC 46 (review)-47 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test OLC 41-47 • OLC 48 	28
29	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz OLC 48 • OLC 49-50 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz OLC 49-50 • OLC 51-52 	Aug. 1	Aug. 2	Aug. 3	Aug. 4