

Classics/MST 1120

Elementary Latin I

Fall 2019

Course Description

An introduction to the grammar and syntax of Latin, with particular attention paid to the acquisition of basic skills in reading, comprehension, and aural comprehension.

Time and Place

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:00-12:50, in A 2071

Instructor

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Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday
3:00 – 4:00
or by appointment

Course Objectives

By the end of this class, students will have acquired a working knowledge of Classical Latin verbs and nouns, a strong grasp of basic Latin grammar and syntax, the ability to translate and compose simple Latin sentences, and an understanding of how Latin was used in antiquity and is still used today. These skills will provide the foundation for further study of Latin, and serve students well in a variety of disciplines, *inter alia* linguistics, most European language, history or literature courses, law, the majority of the sciences, the medical professions, and wizardry.

Required Books

Richard LaFleur. **Wheelock's Latin, 7th edition.** Collins 978-0061997228

Paul Comeau and Richard LaFleur. **Wheelock's Latin Workbook, 3rd edition.** Collins 978-0060956424

Anne Groton and James May. **Thirty-Eight Latin Stories: Designed to Accompany Wheelock's Latin.** Bolchazy Carducci. 978-0865162891

Suggested

app (available for Apple and Android):

Principium, the Wheelock's Latin companion (the free version covers the first five chapters).

Note on required books:

All students are expected to buy their own copies of the books at the University Bookstore.

Since the textbooks contain a vocabulary at the end, it is not necessary (or recommended) to purchase a separate Latin-English dictionary at this time.

Evaluation

- 20% homework and in-class participation
- 10% vocabulary quizzes (10 x 1%)
- 20% translation assignments (10 x 2%)
- 20% 2 in-class tests, each worth 10% (Wednesday, October 2 and Monday, November 4)
- 30% Final Exam (December Exam Period)

Time expectations

Expect to spend 2 hours on Latin out of class for every 1 hour in class. Cramming is not a successful strategy for language learning, so plan your time so that you are spending roughly one hour per day on homework, preparation, and studying for this class. There is no ramp-up at the end of term if you put in the work consistently.

You may find it helpful to spend some of this time studying with a group. Talk to your classmates and find people with schedules that are compatible with yours. If you can't meet up in person, set up an online study group.

Grading and Assignment policies

Homework and Class participation

- Worth 20% of the final mark.
- There are a variety of ways to earn these marks, so you have some choice in how you go about earning it.
 - up to 10%: translating and answering questions in class
 - up to 5%: group work and activities in class
 - up to 5%: handed in homework and creative assignments (details will be provided in class)
 - up to 5%: online Latin exercises at the Digital Learning Centre
 - 1 hour = 1%
 - note that this work **MUST** be done at the DLC for tracking purposes: if you do it elsewhere I have no way of confirming your hours and they won't count.
 - Although this adds up to 25%, you can only earn a **maximum of 20%**. This means you do not have to do **all** of these.
 - If you are concerned about how you are doing in participation, check with me throughout the term. I will also post a preliminary grade before the drop date.
- I post the homework on D2L in the announcements section after each class. If you miss class it is your responsibility to check this.
- It is extremely important that students attend class regularly. Attendance and participation are key to success in the other areas of assessment.

Quizzes

- Each quiz is worth 1%.
- Every Friday at the start of class.
- Every week except for the first week of the term, second last week of term, and the last week of the term, for a total of ten.
- The quizzes test acquisition of recently introduced vocabulary.
- The class schedule tells you which chapter each quiz covers.
- If a student misses one of these quizzes, **no makeup quiz** will be provided.
- Quizlet has flash card sets for every Wheelock chapter already, but make sure they don't have typos!

Translation assignments

- There is one due every week except for the first and two last weeks of term, for a total of ten assignments.
- The assignments are due on Monday **except for those due in weeks 7 and 11, which are due on Wednesday**, since the Mondays of those weeks are holidays.
- **This includes weeks in which there is an in-class test**; completing the translation assignment should be part of your studying, and the translation assignments due in test weeks will review the grammar that you will be tested on.
- No late submissions will be accepted. If you are unable to come to class, submissions by email will be allowed only **up to the end of the day on which they are due**.
- If I do not have the exercise by the end of the due date, the student will be given a “0” for it.

In-class Tests

- The tests are on **Wednesday, October 2** and **Monday, November 4**
- Each test is worth 10% of the final grade.
- The tests are cumulative.
- Illness and serious affliction alone will be considered good reasons for missing these tests. There will be no makeup tests. In the event of absence for medical or personal emergency, the marks from the missed test will be redistributed to the next test. Contact me within 48 hours of the missed test.
- www.mun.ca/regoff/calendar/sectionNo=REGS-0601#REGS-0615

Final Examination

- The final examination, worth 30% of the final grade, will be cumulative, covering all material from the term. The exam will be held in the December Exam Period, exact date TBA.

Course Website

Check the course D2L/Brightspace page regularly where you will find:

- homework assignments
- quiz and test dates and what material they cover
- course outline, worksheets, assignments, etc.
- marks for tests and assignments
- PowerPoint slideshows

And remember to check your MUN email regularly!

Policies

Class Cancellations

If class is cancelled for any reason, I will post instructions as soon as possible on the course website.

Accommodation of Students with Special Needs

From the university statement:

I am committed to facilitating and promoting an accessible, inclusive, and mutually respectful learning environment. Students requiring special accommodation are asked to communicate firstly with the Glenn Roy Blundon Centre (www.mun.ca/blundon) at the earliest opportunity. University policies and procedures pertaining to accommodations for students with disabilities can be found at www.mun.ca/policy/site/policy.php?id=239”

Specific to this class:

It is important to me that you get the most out of this course. If any of the assessments create barriers for you, I will work with you to come up with fair alternatives.

For example

- The Blundon Centre is not set up to offer test accommodations for short weekly quizzes. I am happy to informally arrange a less distracting setting and/or increased time.
- If in-class participation is a barrier, we can substitute more written work or create a plan to decrease factors contributing to the barrier.

Academic Honesty

Your instructor, the Department of Classics, and the university take academic dishonesty very seriously. Be especially vigilant about academic offences, which include:

- **Cheating on examinations or any other tests, theses, assignments, work term reports, projects, laboratory assignments, laboratory reports or internship reports:** This includes copying from another student's work or allowing another student to copy from one's own work; consulting with any unauthorized person during an examination or test; possessing unauthorized aids; using unauthorized aids; or knowingly recording or reporting false empirical or statistical data. The work referred to includes examinations, theses, assignments, work term reports, projects, laboratory assignments, laboratory reports, internship reports, or any other tests which are to be used in judging the student's performance in a course or program of study, or on any special tests which the University may offer.
- **Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is the act of presenting the ideas or works of another as one's own. This applies to all material such as essays, laboratory assignments, laboratory reports, work term reports, design projects, seminar presentations, statistical data, computer programs, research results and theses. The properly acknowledged use of sources is an accepted and important part of scholarship. Use of such material without acknowledgment is contrary to accepted norms of academic behaviour. Information regarding acceptable writing practices is available through the Writing Centre at www.mun.ca/writingcentre
- **Using Google translate, etc. or copying another student's translations is cheating and I will figure it out. It will also inevitably impact your test performance, since you won't have learned the material!**

Class Schedule

	Date	Chapter	Quizzes, Tests, and Due Dates
Week 1	September 4	Introductio and Caput I	
	September 6	Caput I	
Week 2	September 9	Caput I	1st Translation Assignment
	September 11	Caput II	
	September 13	Caput II	1st Quiz (caput I)
Week 3	September 16	Caput II	2nd Translation Assignment
	September 18	Caput III	
	September 20	Caput III	2nd Quiz (caput II)
Week 4	September 23	Caput III	3rd Translation Assignment
	September 25	Caput IV	
	September 27	Caput IV	3rd Quiz (caput III)
Week 5	September 30	Review	4th Translation Assignment
	October 2		1st Test (capita I-IV)
	October 4	Caput V	4th Quiz (caput IV)
Week 6	October 7	Caput V	5th Translation Assignment
	October 9	Caput V	
	October 11	Caput VI	5th Quiz (caput V)
Week 7	October 14	Thanksgiving: No Class	Thanksgiving: No Class
	October 16	Caput VI	6th Translation Assignment
	October 18	Caput VI	6th Quiz (caput VI)
Week 8	October 21	Caput VII	7th Translation Assignment
	October 23	Caput VII	
	October 25	Caput VII	7th Quiz (caput VII)

Week 9	October 28	Caput VIII	8th Translation Assignment
	October 30	Caput VIII	
	November 1	Review	8th Quiz (caput VIII)
Week 10	November 4		9th Translation Assignment 2nd Test (capita I-VIII)
	November 6	Caput IX	
	November 8	Caput IX	9th Quiz (caput IX)
Week 11	November 11	Remembrance Day: No Class	Remembrance Day: No Class
	November 13	Caput IX	10th Translation Assignment
	November 15	Caput X	10th Quiz (caput X)
Week 12	November 18	Caput X	No Translation Assignment
	November 20	Caput X	
	November 22	Caput XI	No Quiz
Week 13	November 25	Caput XI	No Translation Assignment
	November 27	Caput XI	
	November 29	Review	No Quiz