

LAT 506: First Year Latin I

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Texts

Required:

F.M. Wheelock, *Wheelock's Latin*, 6th edition. ISBN: 0060956410
A.H. Groton & J.M. May, *38 Latin Stories*. ISBN: 0865162891

Optional:

N. Goldman & L. Szymanski, *English Grammar for Students of Latin*.
ISBN: 0934034346.

***Highly recommended if you have not taken a foreign language before.

A Latin dictionary.

E.g., Lewis' *Elementary Latin Dictionary*, ISBN: 0199102058.

***Especially if you plan on taking 3 or more semesters of Latin in the future.

Important web-resource: http://www.utexas.edu/depts/classics/Latin_Web_Sites.html

***Links to websites with drills and exercises that help you learn forms, grammar, and pronunciation.

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the Latin language. The primary aim is for students to acquire about two-thirds of the basic training required for reading Latin texts in the original. The basic building blocks of the language will be gained through intense memorization to begin to develop the reading skills/recognition of forms to apply this to the Latin used in our textbook. Our primary guide will be chapters 1 – 25 of *Wheelock's Latin* (at an approximate pace of two chapters per week). The course will especially emphasize sight translation, that is, the ability to translate a passage of Latin not previously reviewed. This course is suited for students who have not had any previous Latin instruction. For students who have had Latin instruction at the high school level or otherwise, this course may not be appropriate for you – please speak to me if you have any doubts about your suitability for this course.

Grades

Your semester grade is assessed as follows (out of 100%):

Class Participation (Daily In-Class Exercises + Homework):	10%
Quizzes: (at least 11; but the 10 <i>highest</i> scores affect final grade, each = 1%):	10%
Tests: (3 total, the first 2 counting 15% each, the third counting 20%):	50%
Final Exam:	30%

Grading

Letter Grade	Numeric Grade (out of 100)	GPA
A ¹	100 – 94	4.0
A-	93 – 90	3.67
B+	89 – 87	3.33
B	86 – 84	3.0
B-	83 – 80	2.67
C+	79 – 77	2.33
C	76 – 74	2.0
C-	73 – 70	1.67
D+	69 – 67	1.33
D	66 – 64	1.0
D-	63 – 60	0.67
F	≤ 59	0.0

Grades will be posted on *E-Gradebook* through UTDirect (www.utexas.edu), all other class info will be posted on *Blackboard* (<http://courses.utexas.edu>).

NB: In order to proceed to the next level of Latin (507), you must pass this class with a letter grade of C or higher (NOT a C-). You can proceed to 507 on a pass/fail basis provided you earn a 75 or higher in the course. You cannot take the course credit/no credit and proceed, even if you get credit (credit = 65 or higher).

Class Participation: Latin is a difficult language to learn and it will require serious dedication and concentration to succeed. I require you to prepare your homework every night and to come to class ready to participate *every day*. Consistent preparation during the term means better grades overall. Latin is not a subject for which you can cram and still expect to do well in the long term.

Active participation is crucial to the process of learning Latin. I define participation as a student's *willingness to try* whenever they are asked to participate; that is, you will never be punished because you are struggling with the material in class - that's what class time is for. It will be obvious to me if you completed your homework the night before and, if you are having difficulty answering the question, whether that difficulty stems from lack of preparation or not. Of course, volunteering to answer questions in class is always very appreciated and encouraged by me as well welcomed by your classmates.

¹ There is no grade of A+ in the UT grading system. For further information, please refer to: <http://www.utexas.edu/provost/planning/plus-minus/>

Make-ups: If you miss any graded daily assignments, quizzes, or tests, there will be no opportunity to make-up the work unless you provide written documentation of a medical or other kind of emergency. If you cannot provide documentation, you will not be able to take a make-up. Please double-check your alarms the night before an exam because failure on the part of your electronics does not equal an excused absence. If you choose to miss a class for reasons other than an emergency, you accept that you will get a zero on the assignments/assessments given during that class, and that includes your daily class participation grade.

Attendance policy: Though the university has no standard attendance policy, I expect daily attendance since daily practice is the only sure way to learn Latin. You may only miss **five (5)** classes with an unexcused absence. Should you miss more than five classes for reasons other than *documented* illness or emergency, your final grade will drop by 1 point for each unexcused absence over and above the first five. If you missed these classes for unexcused reasons, you will also receive zeros for any in-class work in addition to the 1 point penalty. If you are confused about what constitutes excused and unexcused absences, ask me about your absence in advance.

*NB: Please try not to be late to class. It is unfair to your classmates and to me. Quizzes and daily exercises will be the first thing on the daily agenda. If you arrive late, you will not get any extra time to complete the assignment. If you arrive after the quiz or exercise has been handed in, you will not be given a chance to make it up without documentation supporting the fact that your lateness was due to an emergency.

Religious Holidays: Students can make up work missed for a religious holiday if they bring a request and documentation of the holiday fourteen (14) days ahead of time. <http://www.utexas.edu/student/registrar/catalogs/gi01-02/ch4/ch4g.html#attend>

University Policies: I abide by all UT policies.

Students with special needs: UT Austin provides upon request appropriate academic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. For more information, contact SSD at 471-6259, or go to <http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/ssd/>

*NB: students are expected to present a UT "accommodation letter" authorizing specific accommodations.

Scholastic dishonesty: I won't tolerate it and neither will the University of Texas. Scholastic dishonesty on any graded assignment will result in an F on that assignment with the possibility of further disciplinary action. Scholastic dishonesty includes any kind of cheating or collaboration on tests, or submitting work that is not either your own or accurately attributed to its source. For more information, contact Student Judicial Services at 471-2841, or go to <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/scholdis.php>

Class Schedule (subject to change):

Week	Dates	Material covered in Wheelock's Latin
1	Aug 26 – 28	Ch. 1
2	Aug 31 – Sept 4	Ch. 2 – 3, Quiz
Labor Day (No Class): Monday, Sept 7		
3	Sept 7 – 11	Ch. 3 – 5, Quiz
4	Sept 14 – 18	Ch. 5 – 7, Quiz
5	Sept 21 – 25	Ch. 8; Review TEST#1: Fri 9/25
6	Sept 28 – Oct 2	Ch. 9 – 11, Quiz
7	Oct 5 – 9	Ch. 11 – 13, Quiz
8	Oct 12 – 16	Ch. 13 – 15, Quiz
9	Oct 19 – 23	Ch. 16; Review TEST#2: Fri 10/23
10	Oct 26 – 30	Ch. 17 – 19, Quiz
11	Nov 2 – 6	Ch. 19 – 21, Quiz
12	Nov 9 – 13	Ch. 21 – 23, Review TEST#3: Fri 11/13
13	Nov 16 – 20	Ch. 24, Quiz
14	Nov 23 – 25	Ch. 25, Quiz
Thanksgiving Holiday (No Class): Thursday Nov 26 – Sunday Nov 29		
15	Nov 30 – Dec 4	Review for final exam
Final Exam TBA		

*At least one other quiz will be given during the semester at a time I deem appropriate. (Remember, only the best 10 quiz grades will count toward your final grade).

Important dates to remember:

Aug 31 (Mon): Last day of the official drop/add period.

Sept 11 (Fri): Twelfth class day – last day to drop with a possible refund.

Sept 23 (Wed): Last day to drop a course without a possible academic penalty.

Oct 21 (Wed): Last day an undergraduate student may, with the dean's approval, withdraw from the University or drop a class except for urgent and substantiated, nonacademic reasons; Last day a student may change registration in a course to or from the pass/fail or credit/no credit basis

Final Note: This course will be challenging for everyone. I am here to help you learn and I want you to succeed in my class. In addition to answering specific questions about Latin, I can give you suggestions on study techniques and, if necessary, recommend a tutor. If you are having difficulties, please do not hesitate to come see me during my office hours.

I look forward to working with you this semester.