

FIRST-YEAR LATIN II

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will introduce you to the basics of Latin grammar, syntax, and vocabulary, as presented by Wheelock chapters 26-40. These basics will then be applied to the translation of original and adapted Latin sentences and passages, with continued practice of sight-reading. Four or five weeks at the end of the semester will be devoted to reading continuous, unadapted prose texts. The goals of this course are (a) to move from memorization to application and (b) to begin the jump to 'real' Latin.

Latin 507 is the second half of a full-year course and may be used as part of the foreign language requirement, as part of the Area D requirement, or as an elective. Students who successfully complete Latin 507 (i.e. with a C or higher) will have acquired a sufficient capability in the language in order to take intermediate-level Latin courses and begin to read original Latin authors more or less independently.

TEXTS (available at the University Coop or online):

F. M. Wheelock, *Wheelock's Latin, 6th ed. revised*. Harper Collins, 2005.
A. H. Groton & J. M. May, *38 Latin Stories*. Bolchazy-Carducci, 2003.
M. Berrey & J. F. Patterson, *Course Packet* (not yet available).

OPTIONAL/RECOMMENDED TEXTS

A good Latin-English dictionary, such as Lewis, *An Elementary Latin Dictionary* (Oxford) or *Chambers Murray Latin-English Dictionary* (Chambers).

A good Latin grammar, such as Allen and Greenough, *New Latin Grammar*.

For those who are uneasy with their command of English grammar: N. W. Goldman, *English Grammar for Students of Latin, 3rd ed.* (Olivia and Hill Press, 2004).

For the linguistically minded: C. D. Buck, *Comparative Grammar of Greek and Latin* (Chicago, 1933); L. R. Palmer, *The Latin Language* (Univ. Oklahoma, 1954); A. L. Sihler, *New Comparative Grammar of Greek and Latin* (OUP, 1995); M. Weiss, *Comparative Grammar of Latin* (forthcoming?).

ASSESSMENT/GRADING POLICY:

Grades will be based upon participation (5%), quizzes (25%), exams (3 in-class exams worth 15% each + final exam worth 25% = total of 70%), and attendance.

A. Participation

Learning a language is an active process, thus 5% of your grade will be determined by your participation in this class. This includes your performance on in-class exercises and the degree to which you have prepared homework assignments. Making mistakes is an inevitable (and often useful) part of the learning process, and your participation grade is meant to reflect how hard you try rather than how frequently you get answers correct.

B. Quizzes

There will be regular quizzes throughout the course of the semester (at least one a week). These are designed to test your command of targeted units of material (e.g. grammar, forms, vocabulary, &c.) and your ability to employ that material (e.g. by translating Latin passages, both prepared and at sight). I will typically announce a quiz and the material it will cover ahead of time, but there may be an occasional pop-quiz. No make-ups for quizzes will be offered for unexcused absences, but the lowest quiz grade will be dropped.

C. Exams

There will be three in-class exams over the course of the semester worth 15% each and a cumulative final exam worth 25%. For a tentative examination schedule, see Important Dates below. If you miss an exam, a make-up will be offered only in the case of a demonstrated medical reason (physician's statement required) or other emergency (as certified by the Dean of Students in the student's college). If you must miss the final exam, you must inform me in writing, accompanied by proper documentation, ahead of time.

D. Attendance

Prompt, regular attendance is mandatory. New material will be covered in this course on a daily basis, including material not discussed in the textbook. Thus, I will check attendance every day. You are allowed three unexcused absences with no penalty, but your final grade will drop one point for each additional unexcused absence. Excused absences are those that are approved prior to the absence by the instructor, absences related to University-related activities (with proper written verification), and written medical notes from a doctor (not including prescription notes). *N.B. Whether an absence is excused or not, you will be held accountable for material you missed no matter the reason for your absence. You will be expected to have completed all assignments and be prepared for the following day.*

GRADING SYSTEM:

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

NB Grades will not be scaled

IMPORTANT DATES:

26 Aug.	First day of class
7 Sept.	No class—Labor Day
25 Sept.	Exam 1
16 Oct.	Exam 2
6 Nov.	Exam 3
26-28 Nov.	No class—Thanksgiving
4 Dec.	Last day of class
9-15 Dec.	Final exam period

SCHOLASTIC DISHONESTY:

The core values of The University of Texas at Austin are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility. Each member of the University is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness, and respect toward peers and community. Scholastic dishonesty of any form (e.g. plagiarism, cheating, and fabrication) will not be tolerated and will result in a failing grade (F) for the course. For more information, contact the Student Judicial Services at 471.2841 or go to <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/scholdis.php>.

DISABILITIES:

The University of Texas at Austin provides, upon request, appropriate academic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. Students with disabilities should make known to me any accommodations needed during the first week of the course if possible. For more information, contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 471.6259 or 471.4641, or go to <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/ssd>.

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS:

Work missed due to a religious holiday may be made up if students supply documentation of the holiday at least 14 days ahead of time. For more information, see http://www.utexas.edu/provost/policies/religious_holidays/.

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