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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

LAT 506 is the first half of a two-semester sequence and covers the first 25 chapters of our *Wheelock* text. We will create a strong foundation of lexical, morphological, and syntactical forms through daily vocabulary and grammar practice, and emphasize the connection between the memorization of forms and its application to reading Latin. While our primary focus must be learning to read Latin, this course will also introduce you to the context of the Latin language, i.e., the culture, history, and literature of the ancient Romans. By the end of this semester, you will be able to read, write, speak, and (most importantly) enjoy elementary Latin.

## TEXTS

Required:

- F. M. Wheelock, *Wheelock's Latin*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. revised. Harper Collins, 2005.
- A. H. Groton and J. M. May, *38 Latin Stories*. Bolchazy-Carducci, 2003.

Recommended:

- P. T. Comeau and R. A. LaFleur, *Workbook for Wheelock's Latin*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. revised. 2000.
- N. Goldman and L. Szymanski, *English Grammar for Students of Latin*. 2004.

## ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Grades will be composed of quizzes (20%), class participation and attendance (10%), three midterm exams (10%, 15%, and 20% respectively, 45% total), and a cumulative final exam (25%). There will be no late assignments and no make-up assignments. You may reschedule an exam only with an excused absence.

Grades will be based on the following scale: 94- 100 A, 90- 93.9 A-, 87- 89.9 B+, 83- 86.9 B, 80- 82.9 B-, 77- 79.9 C+, 73- 76.9 C, 70- 72.9 C-, 67- 69.9 D+, 63- 66.9 D, 60- 62.9 D-, 0- 59.9 F. Pass/fail students must earn a 75% to receive a grade of "pass," and credit/no credit students must earn a 65% to receive a grade of "credit."

Quizzes will be frequent, usually unannounced, and never available to take at a later date. To compensate for quizzes missed during absences, 20 points will be added to each student's total quiz points for the semester. Tests will include sections covering vocabulary, morphology, and syntactical questions based on translation passages.

## ATTENDANCE

Learning a language requires daily practice, and students are expected to come to class every day. Students will find the consequences of making a habit of missing class immediately reflected in their quiz and test scores. Arriving to class more than ten minutes late will result in an absence. After three unexcused absences, you will lose one point per absence from your final grade for the course. Absences may be excused for religious holidays, family emergencies (certified by your Dean of Students), or medical reasons (with a letter from Student Health Services or a private physician) so long as documentation is provided within one week of the student's return to class.

## ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Academic honesty is expected at all times. 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. Cheating of any form (collaboration during tests, use of notes during tests, submission of work that is not entirely the student's own, etc.) will be pursued and punished. Any student found guilty of cheating in any way will receive a failing grade (F) for the course and will be subject to University procedures under Appendix C, Section 11 of the General Information Bulletin (<http://registrar.utexas.edu/catalogs/gi07-08/app/appc03.html#Chapter-11-Student-Discipline-and-Conduct>). For more information about scholastic dishonesty, visit the Dean of Students website at <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/scholdis.php>.

## SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

The University of Texas at Austin provides upon request appropriate academic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. For more information, contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 471-6259, 471-4641 TTY. Students in need of urgent help or counseling can call the UT Counseling and Mental Health Center at 471-CALL (2255) 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

## RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

Students may make up exams and will be granted an excused absence for a religious holiday provided that two weeks' advance notice is given to the instructor.

## COURSE INFORMATION

Students are responsible for keeping up with assignments and due dates, which will be given with advance notice. Course information will be posted on the course website (<https://webpace.utexas.edu/lbr347/web/lat506>).

## HOW TO STUDY FOR THIS CLASS

- Keep up with the daily assignments. Latin, like any language, is a highly cumulative subject, so it is very easy to fall behind and create future difficulties by not studying and practicing.
- Review! Make flash cards of vocabulary words (including dictionary entries) and morphological forms, and review them constantly and consistently.
- If you come across a problem while studying, be sure to bring it up in class or during office hours. Do not wait to address confusion- you may not be the only one with a question. If you find something that fascinates you, do the same!
- Languages are about communication- practice with a classmate.
- For extra practice, complete the additional exercises in the back of the *Wheelock* text, use the *Workbook*, visit the tutorials and online exercises listed at the department's website ([http://www.utexas.edu/depts/classics/Latin\\_Web\\_Sites.html](http://www.utexas.edu/depts/classics/Latin_Web_Sites.html)), and visit office hours frequently.

## COURSE SCHEDULE

The following schedule is a rough outline and subject to change in order to fit our class's needs:

Week 1 Aug. 26-28: Intro & Chapter 1  
Week 2 Aug. 31- Sept. 4: Chapters 2-3  
Labor Day Holiday: Sept. 7  
Week 3 Sept. 8- 11: Chapters 4-5  
Week 4 Sept. 14- 18: Chapters 6-7  
Week 5 Sept. 21- 25: Chapter 8, Review, Test 1  
Week 6 Sept. 28- Oct. 2: Chapters 9- 10  
Week 7 Oct. 5- 11: Chapters 11- 12  
Week 8 Oct. 12- 16: Chapters 13- 14  
Week 9 Oct. 19- 23: Chapters 15- 16, Review, Test 2  
Week 10 Oct. 26- 30: Chapters 17- 18  
Week 11 Nov. 2- 6: Chapters 19- 20  
Week 12 Nov. 9- 13: Chapters 21- 22, Review, Test 3  
Week 13 Nov. 16- 20: Chapters 23- 24  
Week 14 Nov. 23- 27: Chapter 25  
Thanksgiving Holiday: Nov. 26- 27  
Week 15 Nov. 30- Dec. 4: Catch up and Review  
Final: Wednesday, December 9, 7:00–10:00 pm