

Syllabus: Latin 311
Second-year Latin II: Vergil's Aeneid
Fall 2009 Unique #: 33055

Location: SZB 526
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Required Texts:

Pharr, ed. *Vergil's Aeneid: Books I-VI*. Bolchazy-Carducci.
Cassell's Latin-English/English-Latin Dictionary
Bennett, C.E. *New Latin Grammar*.

Course Description:

In this course we will be reading selections from Vergil's great epic poem *Aeneid* in Latin, simultaneously focusing on questions of grammar, syntax, vocabulary, techniques of translation, and learning to scan Latin hexameter verse, as well as reading and evaluating the *Aeneid* as an historical and literary source for Roman history and culture. In doing so, we will come to appreciate this landmark of western literature in a way that can only be achieved by reading the work in its original language.

Our main objective in this class will be to increase our reading speed in Latin by means of increasing our familiarity with Latin morphology, syntax, and vocabulary, as well as our ability to recognize and deal with various syntactical constructions quickly, all with the help of a detailed commentary, a good Latin dictionary, and a good Latin grammar. We will begin with a significant amount of grammar review coupled with a reading pace of 20-25 lines per week, gradually working our way up to 75-80 lines per week. In addition, we will be reading and discussing the entire *Aeneid* in translation.

Prerequisites: LATIN 506Q, 507, OR 508 WITH A GRADE OF AT LEAST C.

Grading:

Quizzes: 30%
Exams (2): 30%
Cumulative Final Exam: 30%
Participation/Assignments: 10%

15% of each exam will be based on a sight passage (from Vergil). In addition, there will be questions concerning plot, theme, and characters.

Grading Schema

94-100: A	80-83: -B
90-93: -A	77-79: C+
87-89: B+	74-76: C
84-86: B	70-73: C-
	etc.
A grade of C (not C-) is required in order to advance to Latin 312K.	
Pass/Fail Cutoff: 75	Credit/No credit Cutoff: 65

Your Responsibilities:

Language acquisition requires constant practice. Homework will play a crucial role in your acquisition and retention of Latin. I will expect you to complete your homework punctually and carefully. You are, of course, welcome to approach me with any trouble you may have but anything short of a good faith attempt at completing your assignments will be reflected in your participation score.

I expect in-class participation daily. Your participation, attendance, and preparation will all factor in to your final grade (see above). In keeping with the importance of participation and attendance in a language course, should you miss more than two classes your participation score for the course will drop by ten percentage points for each unexcused absence beyond the first three.

Finally, I will expect you to demonstrate what you have learned throughout the semester in a series of quizzes, announced or otherwise, two mid-term exams, and a final exam (see above). None of the quizzes may be made up if missed, but the lowest score will be dropped. Exams may be made up only for an officially excused and properly documented absence, in accordance with University policy.

And please, arrive having eaten. Let's reserve this part of the day for feeding our minds!

Communication

All communication for this class will occur either through in-class announcements or through Blackboard, including email announcements. You are responsible for in-class announcements whether or not you attend class. I suggest that, in the unwelcome case that you do miss a class, you either contact another student or myself to be sure you have not missed something important.

Exam, quiz and final grades will be posted on Blackboard.

General Information

Although Latin is extremely rewarding, these rewards are the product of effort. Please expect to devote considerable time and energy to your Latin study and homework. Since language acquisition is a gradual and cumulative process, it behooves you not to fall behind in the coursework.

Please remember that I am here to help you learn. Come to my office hours as often as you like and feel free to email me with any concerns you may have. I am more than happy to explain and advise. Do not wait until the last minute to approach me with any problems you may be having. The time to manage difficulties with the material is as they arise not after they have. So, talk to me!

Religious Holidays:

Please inform me at least 14 days in advance if you observe any religious holiday during the semester that will require your absence from class. Your needs will be accommodated.

Scholastic Dishonesty:

Scholastic dishonesty includes any kind of cheating on any graded assignment. It will result in an F for this course, which you then may not drop. For questions about scholastic dishonesty, see the General Information catalogue, Appendix, Section 11-802 (<http://www.utexas.edu/student/registrar/catalogs/gi01-02/app/appc11.html>).

Academic Disabilities:

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 or 471-4641 or consult <http://www.utexas.edu/depts/dos/ssd/index.html>.

Assignment & Exam Schedule

9/1 & 9/3: *Aen.* 1.1-22 and Grammar Review (22)
9/8 & 9/10: 1.23-33, 2.1-13 and Grammar Review (24)
9/15 & 9/17: 2.14-39, 2.40-56 and Grammar Review (38)
9/22: 2.57-75 and Review for Exam #1 (21)
9/24: **Mid-term Exam #1**
9/29 & 10/1: 2.76-104 (29), 105-115 (+11=40)
10/6 & 10/8: 2.116-140 (25), 141-156 (+16=46)
10/13 & 10/15: 2.157-182 (26), 183-208 (+25=51)
10/20 & 10/22: 2.209-240 (32), 241-267 (+27=59)
10/27: 2.268-293 and Review for Exam #2 (25)
10/29: **Mid-term Exam #2**
11/3 & 11/5: 2.293-335 (43), 336-362 (+27=70)
11/10 & 11/12: 2.363-401 (39), 402-437 (+36=75)
11/17 & 11/19: 2.438-478 (39), 479-517 (+38=77)
11/24: 2.518-558 (40)

Thanksgiving break: Thursday, Nov. 26-Sunday, Nov. 29

12/1 & 12/3: 2.559-600 (42), 601-638 (+38=80)

Final Exam: Friday Dec. 11, 9-12 am

The last day of classes is Friday, Dec. 4