# LATIN 102

# LATIN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Time: MTWThF 11:00 – 11:50 AM Classroom: MFAC 317

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#### **Required Texts:**

F. M. Wheelock, *Wheelock's Latin* (revised 6<sup>th</sup> edition) ISBN# 0-06-078423-7 (Online for \$7 used)

Groton and May, 38 Latin Stories (5th edition) ISBN# 0865162891 (Online for \$6 used)

## **Highly Recommended Texts:**

N. Goldman, *English Grammar for Students of Latin* ( $3^{rd}$  edition) ISBN# 0-934034-34-6 (Online for \$11 used)

J. Traupman, *Latin and English Dictionary* ( $3^{rd}$  edition) ISBN # 978-1-56765-433-2 (Online for \$2 used)

#### **Course Overview:**

This course has a number of objectives. First and foremost, students in this course will continue building your understanding of the basic Latin grammar and vocabulary. Students will acquire the skills and experience necessary to read ancient Latin texts presented in higher level courses. In addition, Latin 102 also assists students in gaining a firmer understanding of English grammar and style. Learning Latin also provides a window into the culture, literature, and lives of ancient Romans.



CAVEAT DISCIPVLVS: This is a 5 credit course in which you, the student, are expected to learn an ancient language. This is **not** an easy course, and even excellent students will struggle with the difficulty of the material and the amount of work required. We will cover chapters 21-40 of Wheelock's Latin in less than fifteen weeks. You **must** dedicate regular hours each night to review, memorization, and the completion of assignments. There are no shortcuts to learning Latin. But once you become more familiar with this ancient and beautiful language you will find that it opens your mind to new ways of approaching learning, writing, history, literature, and ideas.

#### **Course Requirements:**

Attendance policy: This class meets every day of the week and attendance is absolutely necessary. If you have 3 unexcused absences, your final grade will be lowered by 10%. If you have more than 5 unexcused absences, you will fail the course.

**Participation and homework** (10% of final grade): You must come to class prepared and ready to review and discuss the material. Failure to do so will result in a lowered final grade. Additionally, homework will be assigned in nearly every class. Homework is an integral and important tool in learning Latin. Do not think of it as a punishment or as a chore, but as a regular exercise that will strengthen your understanding of Latin and help to prepare you for the next day of class.

<u>Vocabulary Quizzes</u> (15% of final grade): There will be a quiz every Wednesday during the first 10 minutes of class. These short quizzes will test your knowledge of Latin vocabulary from the chapter(s) we have studied in the previous week. Making and using your own flash cards is an excellent way of preparing for these quizzes. Your lowest Vocabulary Quiz score will be dropped at the end of the semester.

**Friday Quizzes** (25% of final grade): Each Friday we will devote our entire class to a quiz over previous material. You will be expected to demonstrate your understanding of Latin grammar, vocabulary, and usage covered in the previous week. Your lowest Friday Quiz score will be dropped at the end of the semester.

<u>Midterm Exam</u> (25% of final grade): The Midterm Exam is currently scheduled for October 18th. It will test on all of the material covered until that date. The Midterm Exam is not only an opportunity to assess your progress in learning Latin, it is also a way in which you can encounter the material in a new and challenging way.

**Final Exam** (25% of final grade): The university's final exam schedule will be announced as the end of the semester approaches. Our Final Exam will cover all of the material in Latin 102. Like the Midterm Exam, the Final Exam provides you with the opportunity measure your progress as a student of Latin over the course of the entire semester.

#### **Grading Percentages:**

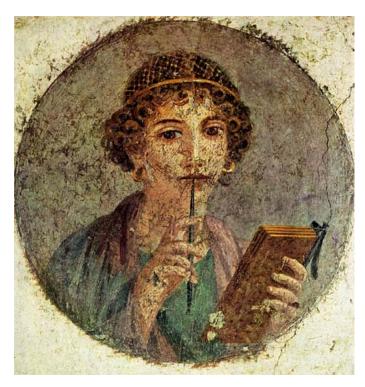
Participation / Homework	10%
Vocabulary Quizzes	15%
Friday Quizzes	25%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	<u>25%</u>
	100%

#### **Grading Breakdown:**

A = 100-93	C+= 79-77
A-= 92-90	C = 76-73
B+=89-87	C = 72 - 70
B= 86-83	D= 69-60
B-= 82-80	F= 59 <u>&gt;</u>

#### **Course Policies:**

Students must attend class. Absences will be excused only in cases of severe illness, religious or civil obligation, or extreme



hardship. All excused absences must be confirmed with official documentation. If you are unable to attend an exam or quiz for any reason, you **must** notify your instructor within 24 hours. If you do not notify and do not provide appropriate official documentation explaining your absence, you will not be allowed to make up the exam or quiz. Exceptions are only made for emergencies. Absences for avoidable circumstances will not be excused. These include but are not limited to sleeping in, non-emergency appointments, getting lost, and vacations or trips (make certain you schedule any plane tickets for **after** the final exam).

Students are expected to abide by the university's code of academic integrity. University policies on cheating and plagiarism are strictly enforced. If you are caught cheating during an exam or plagiarizing an assignment, you will receive a failing grade in the course and be subject to disciplinary action from the office of the dean of students.

By remaining enrolled in this class you are accepting the terms and requirements of this syllabus. The instructor reserves the right to alter this syllabus as circumstances require.



#### **Assignments Week One**

(all assignments are due on the day next to which they appear)

Mon., Jan. 17: No class – Martin Luther King, Jr Day

Tues., Jan. 18: Introduction; Wheelock Ch. 21.

**Wed., Jan. 19:** Read Wheelock Ch. 21 & Ch. 22. Write "Practice & Review" 1-13. *Vocab Quiz #1 due today.* 

Thurs., Jan. 20: Wheelock Ch. 22, "Practice & Review" 1-11.

Fri., Jan. 21: Quiz #1 in class today.

#### **Assignments Week Two**

Mon., Jan. 24: Read Wheelock, Ch. 23. Write "Practice & Review" 1-10.

Tues., Jan. 25: Wheelock, Ch. 23, "Sententiae Antiquae" 1-14.

Wed., Jan. 26: Wheelock, Ch. 23, "Laocoon Speaks Out...".

*Vocab quiz #2 due today.* 

Thurs., Jan. 27: Read Groton & May story for Ch. 23.

Fri., Jan. 28: Quiz #2 in class today.

#### **Assignments Week Three**

Mon., Jan. 31: Read Wheelock Ch. 24. Write "Practice and Review" 1-13.

Tues., Feb. 1: Wheelock Ch. 24, "Sententiae Antiquae" 1-8.

Wed., Feb. 2: Wheelock Ch. 24, "De Cupiditate."

Vocab Quiz #3 due today.

Thurs., Feb. 3: Read Groton & May story for Ch. 24.

Fri., Feb. 4: Quiz #3 in class today.

#### **Assignments Week Four**

Mon., Feb. 7: Read Wheelock Ch. 25. Write "Practice & Review" 1-12.

Tues., Feb. 8: Wheelock Ch. 25, "Sententiae Antiquae" 1-16

**Wed., Feb. 9:** Wheelock Ch. 25, "The Death of Laocoon...and Troy" *Vocab quiz #4 due today.* 

Thurs., Feb. 10: Read Groton & May story for Ch. 25.

Fri., Feb. 11: Quiz #4 in class today.

## **Assignments Week Five**

Mon., Feb. 14: Read Wheelock, Ch. 26. Write "Practice & Review" 1-13.

Tues., Feb. 15: Wheelock Ch. 26, "Sententiae Antiquae" 1-13.

**Wed., Feb. 16:** Read Wheelock Ch. 27. Write "Practice & Review 1-12. *Vocab Quiz #5 due today.* 

**Thurs., Feb. 17:** Wheelock Ch. 27, "Alley Cat" and "Thanks a Lot, Tully!"

Fri., Feb. 18: Quiz #5 in class today.

# **Assignments Week Six**

Mon., Feb. 21: Read Wheelock Ch. 28. Write "Practice & Review" 1-11.

Tues., Feb. 22: Wheelock Ch. 28, "Sententiae Antiquae" 1-12.

Wed., Feb. 23: Wheelock Ch. 28, "The Days of the Week"

*Vocab quiz #6 due today.* 

Thurs., Feb. 24: Read Groton & May story for Ch. 28.

Fri., Feb. 25: Quiz #6 in class today.

#### **Assignments Week Seven**

Mon., Feb. 28: Read Wheelock, Ch. 29. Write "Practice & Review" 1-11.

Tues., Mar. 1: Wheelock Ch. 29, "Sententiae Antiquae" 1-14

**Wed., Mar. 2**: Wheelock Ch. 29, "Practice & Review" 12-15, "How Many Kisses Are Enough?" and "The Nervousness of Even a Great Orator."

*Vocab quiz #7 due today.* 

**Thurs., Mar. 3**: Read Groton & May story for Ch. 29.

Fri., Mar. 4: Quiz #7 in class today.

#### **Assignments Week Eight**

Mon., Mar. 7: Read Wheelock, Ch. 30. Write "Practice & Review" 1-11.

Tues., Mar. 8: Wheelock Ch. 30, "Sententiae Antiquae"

**Wed., Mar. 9**: Wheelock Ch. 30, "Evidence and Confession" *Vocab auiz #8 due today.* 

Thurs., Mar. 10: Review for Midterm Exam in class today.

Fri., Mar. 11: MIDTERM EXAM IN CLASS TODAY.

#### Assignments Week Nine

Mon., Mar. 21: Read Wheelock Ch. 31. Write "Practice & Review" 1-12.

Tues., Mar. 22: Wheelock Ch. 31, "Give Me a Thousand Kisses!"

**Wed., Mar. 23:** Read Wheelock Ch. 32. Write "Practice & Review" 1-13.

Vocab quiz #9 due today.

Thurs., Mar. 24: Wheelock Ch. 32, "The Character of Cimon"

Fri., Mar. 25: Ouiz #8 in class today.

# **Assignments Week Ten**

Mon., Mar. 28: Read Wheelock Ch. 33. Write "Practice & Review" 1-11.

Tues., Mar. 29: Wheelock Ch. 33, "Sententiae Antiquae"1-9.

**Wed., Mar. 30:** Wheelock Ch. 33, "B.Y.O.B., etc., etc." and "Your Loss, My Gain!" *Vocab Quiz #10 due today.* 

Thurs., Mar. 31: Read Groton & May story for Ch. 33.

**Fri., Apr. 1:** *Quiz #9 in class today.* 

# Assignments Week Eleven

Mon., Apr. 4: Read Wheelock Ch. 34. Write "Practice & Review" 1-12.

**Tues., Apr. 5**: Wheelock Ch. 34, "Claudius' Excremental Expiration" and "Pretty Is As Pretty Does"

**Wed., Apr. 6**: Read Wheelock Ch. 35. Write "Practice & Review" 1-12.

Vocab Quiz #11 due today.

**Thurs., Apr. 7**: Wheelock Ch. 35, "Ovid Asks the Gods to Inspire His Work" and "Sorry, Nobody's Home!"

Fri, Apr. 8: Quiz #10 in class today.

#### **Assignments Week Twelve**

Mon., Apr. 11: Read Wheelock Ch. 36. Write "Practice & Review" 1-13

**Tues., Apr. 12:** Wheelock Ch. 36, "Sententiae Antiquae" 1-15

**Wed., Apr. 13:** Wheelock Ch. 36, "I Love Her... I Love Her Not" and "Testimony Against the Conspirators"

Vocab quiz #12 due today.

**Thurs., Apr. 14:** Read Groton & May story for Ch. 36.

Fri., Apr. 15: Quiz #11 in class today.

#### **Assignments Week Thirteen**

Mon., Apr. 18: Read Wheelock Ch. 37. Write "Practice & Review" 1-14.

**Tues., Apr. 19:** Wheelock Ch. 37, "Trimalchio's Epitaph"

Wed., Apr. 20: Read Wheelock Ch. 38. Write exercises "Practice & Review" 1-13.

Vocab quiz #13 due today.

Thurs., Apr. 21: Wheelock Ch. 38, "Two Letters to Cicero"

Fri., Apr. 22: Quiz #12 in class today.

#### Assignments Week Fourteen

Mon., Apr. 25: Read Wheelock Ch. 39. Write "Practice & Review" 1-12.

Tues., Apr. 26: Wheelock Ch. 39, "Hannibal & the Beginnings of the Second Punic War"

**Wed., Apr. 27:** Read Wheelock Ch. 40. Write exercises "Practice & Review" 1-12. *Vocab quiz #14 due today.* 

**Thurs., Apr. 28:** Wheelock Ch. 40, "Jupiter Prophesies to Venus the Future Glory of Rome"

Fri., Apr. 29: Quiz #13 in class today.

#### **Assignments Week Fifteen**

Mon., May 2: Review for Final Exam in class today.

## FINAL EXAM DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

