

Latin 246  
Spring 2009

Intensive Elementary Latin  
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### PROSPECTUS

Where and When:           MWF 10:10AM - 11:00AM           Herter 224  
                                  TuTh 9:30AM - 10:45AM           Herter 224

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I cannot stress enough that I welcome your questions and inquiries. Feel very free to come by and chat about things. If there are things you do not understand, come see me. It is part of my job to help you outside of class as well as in it and for an intensive course it is almost inevitable that you will need some individual attention.

Required Texts: (Be sure to bring both every day) Available at the U Mass Textbook Annex.

- 1) A Student's Latin Grammar Cambridge Latin Course. **THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL!**
- 2) Disce Latinam! Kitchell and Sienkewicz. This will be provided to you free. You must have a three ring binder. You get one copy of the pages free. If you lose them it is up to you to obtain replacement copies at your own cost. I will not do this for you.
- 3) Legamus Catullus. Kitchell and Smith.

Computer access: On line activities, exercises, and resources form an important part of this course. So you have to have access to the internet. There are many computer stations around campus that you can use.

**Recommended Text:** John Traupman, New College Latin and English Dictionary or some other decent Latin to English and English to Latin dictionary

#### **Course Objectives:**

The primary goal of the course is to further your introduction to the Latin language in order to help you reach the ultimate goal of communicating directly with the Romans by reading the words they left behind. Along the way you will also gain skills in listening, speaking, and writing the language and you will learn about many aspects of Roman culture. You will also gain greater insight into the workings of languages in general and English in particular and you will find you English vocabulary expanding noticeably

#### **Student Requirements:**

Due to the intensive nature of this course, missing class or not doing homework is academic suicide. There is simply too much too soon too quickly for you to take a haphazard approach to this course. If showing up and being regular in your work habits is difficult for you then you do not belong in this class. Frankly, I do not recommend the course for freshmen. A course like this is a harsh introduction to college.

I will not be assigning an attendance grade. But be advised – I do not give make up work, I don't grade late homework, and I adamantly refuse to teach the same thing to you personally because you chose to be elsewhere instead of in class. If you can't do the time, don't do the crime. ♪ Bad Boy, Bad Boy.....what ya' gonna do, when they come for you, unh huh. ♪

- **Quizzes:** You get to drop the 2 lowest. They are announced, but only the class prior. It is your responsibility to have a contact person if you miss class. Warning! There are TONS of quizzes.
- **Daily homework.** Sometimes you correct it and pass it in. Sometimes you pass it in and I grade it. Sometimes we do it orally and don't pass it in but it still counts for a grade. But

since it can affect your participation and preparedness grade you can count on homework for which you are responsible and graded every day. Homework is graded on a 10 point scale. Again, this means you made a serious attempt at the homework, not that you got it all right

**Policies:**

Quizzes and tests missed for university approved reasons will be given a makeup. Otherwise, the grade is zero and you have to use that as one of your drops. Makeups for the final will only be given for university approved reasons and the instructor must be informed ahead of time in writing and suitable documentation is provided. **Note:** due to abuse of “oversleeping” or “forgetting when the final was” last semester I have adopted a hard nosed policy about this. If you are not there for the final, expect a zero.

The university’s policy on excusable absences is on pages 46-47 of this document <http://umass.edu/registrar/media/academicregs.pdf> . Familiarize yourself with it. Notice that some excuses call for written notification on your part.

If you miss classes without a good reason, you will have to make up the material on your own. Note that U Mass Classics offers free tutoring

<b>Grading:</b>	Homework	15%
	Quizzes	25%
	Tests	60%

**Grade Scale:**

93-100	A
90-92	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
67-69	D+
63-66	D



**Computer Resources:**

The class web page is located at <http://www.quia.com/pages/latin246kk.html>. You should be here constantly, because it contains a complete vocabulary, exercises and games to help with current grammar, links to interesting things, and a calendar where the homework and current things are posted. It also will have a link to your on line grade book