

# Latin 506: First Year Latin I

Latin 506 (33390)  
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Daily 10-11am, SZB 380

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## Course Description:

The primary goals of this course will be to introduce students to the basic elements of Latin grammar, syntax and vocabulary as presented by Wheelock, Chapters 1-25. Our focus will be predominantly directed towards developing the ability to read and understand original and adapted Latin sentences and passages, but we will also explore the culture and lifestyle of Romans under the Republic and Empire, when Latin was a living and developing language. After the completion of this course, students should be comfortable with their foundation in the basics of the Latin language, have a developed arsenal of vocabulary, and feel comfortable working with Latin sentences without preparation.

## Required Texts:

- F.M. Wheelock, *Wheelock's Latin*, Seventh Edition. Harper Collins. ISBN 0061997226
- A.H. Groton and J.M. May, *38 Latin Stories*. Bolchazy-Carducci. ISBN 0865162891

## Recommended:

- N.W. Goldman, *English Grammar for Students of Latin*, Third Edition.

**N.B.** Required textbooks are available at the University Co-op, but feel free to purchase them at amazon.com or another online bookseller. The Goldman is not at in stock at the Co-op.

## Grading:

The grade breakdown is as follows:

- Midterm Exams: 45%
- Final Exam: 30%
- Quizzes: 15%
- Attendance and Participation: 10%

**Midterm exams** will be given at roughly equal intervals throughout the semester, so expect one about every four weeks. Each exam will be cumulative, but will focus on the Wheelock material since the previous exam. It is in your best interest, however, to continue to review material on your own over the course of the entire semester, as **the final exam will be cumulative.** Elementary Latin learning requires serious effort on the part of you, the student, to prepare yourself for the rigors of reading Real Latin in two semesters' time. The final exam is a useful tool for me to assess your readiness to continue on to Latin 507. **MIDTERM EXAM DATES ARE: Monday, September 24th; Monday, October 22nd; and Thursday, November 15th. THE FINAL EXAM IS ON Saturday, December 15th. 9:00am-12:00pm.**

**MAKEUP POLICY:** I will only allow makeup exams in the case of medical emergency, religious holiday, or documented athletic activity. More to the point: **authorized documentation is required for any sort of makeup request. It is your responsibility to notify me as early as possible of any absence. Barring serious medical emergency, you will receive a zero if you do not let me know of your absence beforehand.**

**Quizzes** will be given every Friday at the beginning of class and will help you review material as we go. That being said, you won't do well on the quizzes and exams if you aren't doing extra study outside of class. To that end I will also give unannounced review quizzes over the course of the semester. **Makeup quizzes won't be offered**, but I will allow you to drop your two lowest quiz scores at the end of the semester.

**Attendance and Participation:** Attendance and participation are vital to your success in this course. As with learning any language, daily, active learning is the only way to internalize grammar and vocabulary. Even if I don't say anything in class, I'm going to be paying attention to who is looking at their phone or screwing around. Showing up is good, but **you will not get an A in the class unless you come ready to participate every day.** Successful participation involves asking questions, responding to instructor questions, and volunteering to translate in class. Mistakes are part of the learning process, so I encourage you to be ready to jump into our discussions even if you aren't sure of the right answer or didn't do your homework last night. Because of the direct correlation between attendance and success in Latin, I'm allowing **three absences** over the course of the semester. **Each further absence will result in 1% off your final grade.** As a final note, please do not show up late to my class. Two tardies will equal an absence.

**Grading** runs along the following scale:

<b>A:</b>	100-94
<b>A-:</b>	93-90
<b>B+:</b>	89-87
<b>B:</b>	86-84
<b>B-:</b>	83-80
<b>C+:</b>	79-77
<b>C:</b>	76-74
<b>C-:</b>	73-70
<b>D+:</b>	69-67
<b>D:</b>	66-64
<b>F:</b>	64 and below

Final grades ending in .5 and above will be rounded to the nearest whole grade (e.g., and 87.6 rounds to an 88).

Students may elect to take this class Pass/Fail or Credit/No-Credit. To receive a grade of "pass" or "credit," you must have a final numerical grade of 64 or above. However, please note: **Per departmental policy, you must receive a grade of C or higher in order to be allowed to move on to Latin 507.**

**Office hours and Email Policy**

Learning to read Latin is a very rewarding and sometimes difficult process. Your fellow students are your best resource for success, and I encourage you to work in groups as you do your homework and study for exams. Also remember that my office hours are there specifically for you to come in and ask questions. Come to my office hours. **Come to my office hours. COME TO MY OFFICE HOURS.**

I'm also generally reachable by email, so feel free to send me one. I guarantee a 24 hour response time to all emails, but I'm usually much quicker than that. If you show me that you want to put in the effort, I'll do everything I can to help you succeed. You get the grade you earn.

**Exam Dates:**

Midterm 1: Monday, September 24th

Midterm 2: Monday, October 22nd

Midterm 3: Thursday, November 15th

Final Exam: Saturday, December 15th. 9:00am-12:00pm

**Because of the pace required to get through the first 25 chapters of Wheelock, this schedule won't likely be changed. Latin 507 will assume you know it, so I have to teach it to you. It's up to you to do extra work on areas you're struggling with, so please come see me if you're having trouble.**

## **Academic Honesty and UT Honor Code**

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. Academic dishonesty, in 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 II of the General Information Bulletin (<http://registrar.utexas.edu/catalogs/gio7-08/app/appco3.html#Chapter-II-Student-Discipline-and-Conduct>). For more information about scholastic dishonesty, visit the Dean of Students website at <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/scholdis.php>.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Add/Drop Policy**

Please familiarize yourself with the University of Texas's official add/drop policy. Any requests to drop the course after the fourth week will be handled in accordance with these rules. Be forewarned: while you may use a "one time exception" to late-drop the course, the exception is to the deadline, not to the requirement that you must be earning at least a 70% in order to receive a Q-drop.

## **Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

Occupants of buildings on The University of Texas at Austin campus are required to evacuate buildings when a fire alarm is activated. Alarm activation or announcement requires exiting and assembling outside. Familiarize yourself with all exit doors of each classroom and building you may occupy. Remember that the nearest exit door may not be the one you used when entering the building. Students requiring assistance in evacuation shall inform their instructor in writing during the first week of class.

In the event of an evacuation, follow the instruction of faculty or class instructors. Do not re-enter a building unless given instructions by the following: Austin Fire Department, The University of Texas at Austin Police Department, or Fire Prevention Services office.