

ELEMENTARY LATIN I

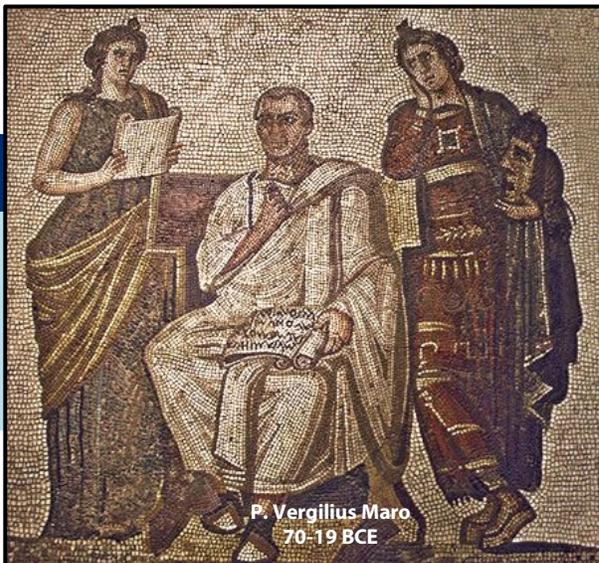
LAT 101.2 | Fall 2018 | MWF 10:20-11:10am | BioSci 063

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P. Vergilius Maro
70-19 BCE

Introduction

Vēni, vīdī, vīcī—I came, I saw, I conquered. *Tempus fugit*—time flies. *Caveat emptor*—let the buyer beware. You’ve probably heard some or all of these Latin sayings (and many more) before, and perhaps you’ve asked yourself: **why** do these phrases out of a dead language still make up part of the cultural conversation? **How** has the language of the **Roman Empire** make its way across the millennia to be with us today? **What** can Latin teach us about language, when almost no one speaks it any more? The search for answers to these and many more questions forms the core of this **Elementary Latin** course.

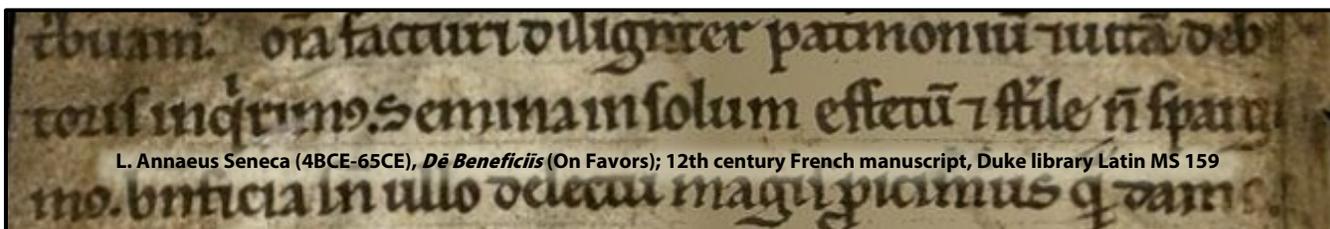
Description

This course is aimed at students who are **new to the Latin language**, who may have had **one to two years** of Middle and High School Latin, so **no prior experience is required or expected**. While the most obvious and immediate objective of this course is to **learn to read and translate Latin**, other major aims include increased understanding of **English grammar and syntax**, increased **English vocabulary** through the study of Latin root words, prefixes, and suffixes, heightened **analytical ability and sensitivity to detail**, and overall improvement in **communication skills**. Aspects of Roman culture are also presented through comments on the authors and context of the **readings from Latin literature** in the **Wheelock** text. At the rate of two days per chapter, we shall complete the first half of the Wheelock textbook (**Chapters 1-20**)

Goals

By the end of this course, you will have learned several hundred important Latin words, and understand the fundamentals of Latin grammar. You will be able to read and understand basic Latin texts, and appreciate the way Latin words and word forms interact to transmit meaning. Most importantly, your study of Latin will have helped you gain insight into the linguistic principles on which Latin, English, and all other languages operate. To that end, in this course we will:

- ❖ **memorize** Latin vocabulary, word forms, and basic grammatical constructions
- ❖ **identify** words and phrases in their context
- ❖ **analyze** the grammatical structure of Latin sentences
- ❖ **translate** simple phrases and sentences between Latin and English
- ❖ **contrast** the ways Latin, English, and other languages combine words to form meaning



L. Annaeus Seneca (4BCE-65CE), *De Beneficiis* (On Favors); 12th century French manuscript, Duke library Latin MS 159

Format

The course meets **3x per week** for **50 minutes** each class. An average class will include a **short quiz**, some of a variety of **individual and group activities**, and a combination of **lecture and discussion** on grammar, translation, and vocabulary. We will follow the curriculum of the **Wheelock Latin textbook**, with other sources as appropriate. **Each lesson will build off the lessons before**, and we will gradually work our way up from the fundamentals to higher-level knowledge and skills. Your instructor is **available for meeting during office hours** to answer questions or help you work with the material.

Texts required

There is one required textbook, available from the Duke Bookstore:

Wheelock, F. *Wheelock's Latin. 7th ed.* Rev. by R. A. LaFleur. Harper Collins, 2011 (or an earlier edition of the textbook).

One additional text is recommended but not required:

Goldman, N. and J. Morton, *English Grammar for Students of Latin, 3rd edition.* Olivia and Hill, 2012.

Other readings and additional resources are available on the course website.

Assignments

There will be three main types of assignment in this class—**studying**, **translating**, and **discussion**. All three will come in both **individual** and **group** varieties.

Study

For each class meeting, everyone will be assigned to read (or re-read) a few pages from the textbook or other sources. We will develop strategies for effective studying and note-taking during the course. You will have the opportunity to demonstrate your preparation in class participation and through written assessments.

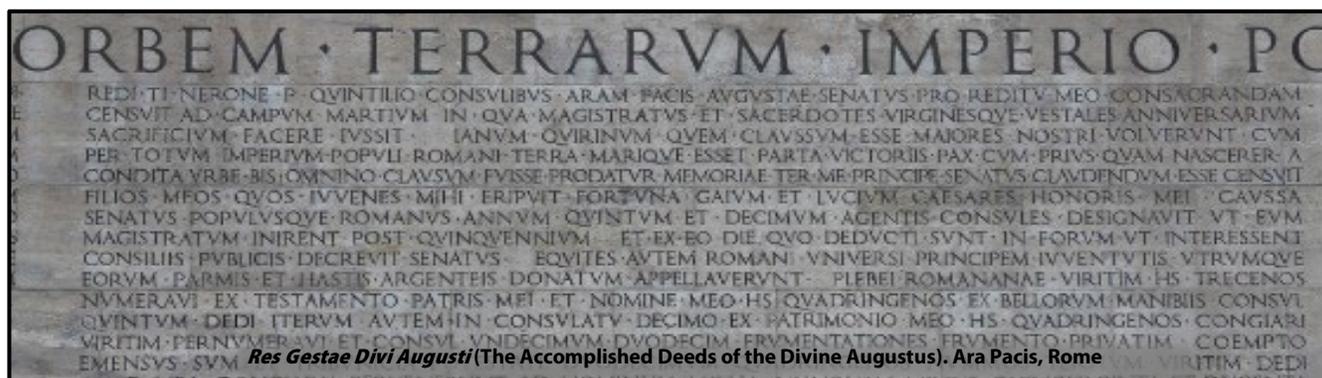
Translate

On a regular basis you will get to translate from the textbook or other readings. These will not have to be polished, artistic translations but are instead an opportunity to practice and display your improved comprehension of Latin. You may or may not be required to turn in written work, but you will always have the chance to share in class.

Discuss

Discussing the material in class is a crucial component of the course, and includes sharing your various observations and questions, contributing to group activities, and assisting classmates to work through new material. Active participation matters but can vary in form for different students; ask the instructor for more details.

You will also have regular **quizzes** to help gauge your progress in acquiring vocabulary and recognizing important grammar and style points, several **tests** evaluating your translating ability and knowledge of the texts and authors, and a **final exam** as an opportunity to demonstrate your accumulated skills and knowledge.



Assessment

Your grade will be derived from your assignments, participation, tests, quizzes, and exam:

45% Tests	three (50min) tests of your ability to identify and reproduce word forms, recall vocabulary, analyze grammar, and translate phrases, sentences, and passages
15% Vocabulary & Grammar Quizzes	shorter (5-15min) quizzes two or three days a week testing your knowledge of vocabulary, word forms, grammar constructions, or a combination of them
15% Attendance & Homework & Participation	regular active contributions to class activities and discussions, demonstrating preparation for each class session and ability to work individually and in groups
25% Final Exam	cumulative assessment of your knowledge and application of vocabulary, grammar, and translation abilities

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Policies

Please take note of the following policies regarding logistics of the course and assessment:

- ❖ The preferred method for contacting the instructor (me) is via e-mail. I pledge to return all e-mails within one business day.
- ❖ Alternative office hours can be arranged on an ad-hoc basis; contact me over e-mail or talk to me before or after class to make an appointment.
- ❖ All written work must be turned in **before** class on the due date. I will not accept late work.
- ❖ **No electronic devices**—cell phones, laptops, tablets, telegraphs, etc.—are permitted except during **specified activities** or with a **verified academic need**.
- ❖ Given the significance of active participation, **attendance is mandatory** (with exceptions for documented illness or other University-sanctioned excusal) and will be counted towards your **Attendance & Participation** grade.

Disability Statement

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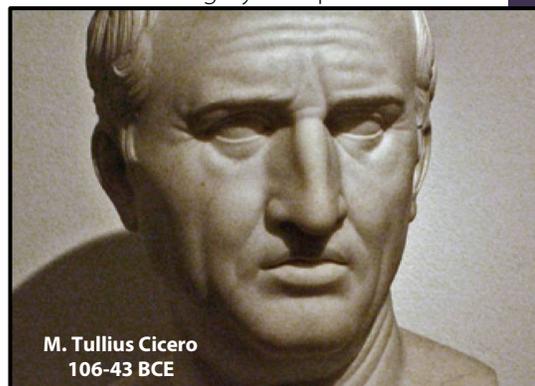
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- ❖ I will act if the Standard is compromised.

Additional aspects of academic integrity include but are not limited to:

- ❖ accurate representation of sources and their contexts
- ❖ debate and discussion conducted in good faith, relevant to the topic
- ❖ respect for the ideas and contributions of all—including ourselves
- ❖ advance preparation for each class session, and active participation

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M. Tullius Cicero
106-43 BCE

Schedule of assignments

These are the readings, exercises, and assessments. Some weeks will feature additional readings, assigned to the whole class or different sections. **Some assignments are subject to change**, so check the class website on a weekly basis to ensure you have the most current schedule. Further details can be found online.

NOTE: all work is due the day under which it is listed – be prepared to turn in any written work in class on that day!

Week	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
1 (8/27-31)	Introduction: The Latin Language and its Influence on English; Inflected Languages; Pronunciation; Syllabification and Accent; Chapter 1: 1st and 2nd Conjugation Verbs.	Wheelock Introduction: Study pp. xxv-xli (be sure to read the footnotes!); Read carefully pp. 2-4 of the Syllabus. Wheelock Chapter 1: Study pp. 1-7; Translate sentences 1-15 and passage on pp. 7-8; Write out the translation of sentences 16-20 (p. 8); conjugate <i>amāre</i> and <i>dēbere</i> in the present tense.	Wheelock Chapter 2: Study pp. 12-19; Translate <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> 1-15 and passage (pp. 19-20).
2 (9/3-7)	Wheelock Chapter 2: Translate the <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> 16-20; Wheelock Chapter 3: Study pp. 23-28; Translate <i>Exercitationes</i> 1-7 (p. 28).	Translate <i>Exercitationes</i> 8-11 (p. 28); Wheelock Chapter 3: Study pp. 23-28; Translate <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> and passage (pp. 28-29).	Review Wheelock, pp. 23-28 and make sure that you understand all the grammar and know all the vocabulary. Wheelock Chapter 4: Study pp. 32-36; Translate <i>Exercitationes</i> 1-12 (p. 37) and <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> and passages (pp. 37-38).
3 (9/10-14)	Review Wheelock, pp. 32-36 and make sure that you understand all the grammar and know all the vocabulary. Wheelock Chapter 5: Study pp. 40-44; Translate <i>Exercitationes</i> 1-14. (p. 44).	Wheelock Chapter 5: Study pp. 40-44; Translate the <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> and the passages (pp. 44-46).	Class cancelled due to weather
4 (9/17-21)	Class cancelled due to weather	TEST I: Textbook chapters 1-5	Wheelock Chapter 6: Study pp. 48-51 (memorize new verb forms); translate <i>Exercitationes</i> 1-14 (p.51) to turn in Wheelock Chapter 7: Study pp. 55-58; Translate <i>Exercitationes</i> 1-14 (p. 58).
5 (9/24-28)	Wheelock Chapter 7: Study pp. 55-58; Translate the <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> and passages (pp. 59-61).	Wheelock Chapter 8: Study pp. 63-67; Translate <i>Exercitationes</i> 1-12 (p. 67).	Wheelock Chapter 8: Study pp. 63-67; Translate the <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> and passages (pp. 67-69).
6 (10/1-5)	Wheelock Chapter 9: Study pp. 71-75; Translate <i>Exercitationes</i> 1-14 (pp. 75-76).	Wheelock Chapter 9: Study pp. 71-75; Translate the <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> and passages (pp. 76-77).	Review Wheelock, pp. 71-75 and make sure that you understand all the grammar and know all the vocabulary. Wheelock Chapter 10: Study pp. 80-83; Translate <i>Exercitationes</i> 1-16 (pp. 83-84).
7 (10/8-12)	Fall Break	Wheelock Chapter 10: Study pp. 80-83; Translate the <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> and passages (pp. 84-85).	Wheelock Chapter 11: Study pp. 87-92; Translate <i>Exercitationes</i> 1-17 (p. 92).
8 (10/15-19)	Wheelock Chapter 11: Study pp. 87-92; Translate the <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> and passages (pp. 92-94).	Review session for Test II.	TEST II: Textbook chapters 6-11.
9 (10/22-26)	Review Wheelock, pp. 87-92 and make sure that you understand all the grammar and know all the vocabulary. Wheelock Chapter 12: Study pp. 96-100; Translate <i>Exercitationes</i> 1-15 (p. 101).	Wheelock Chapter 12: Study pp. 96-100; Translate the <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> and passages (pp. 101-103).	Review Wheelock, pp. 96-100 and make sure that you understand all the grammar and know all the vocabulary. Wheelock Chapter 13: Study pp. 105-109; Translate <i>Exercitationes</i> 1-18 (pp. 109-110).

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10 (10/29-11/2)	Wheelock Chapter 13: Study pp. 105-109; Translate <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> and passages (pp. 110-112).	Review Wheelock, pp. 105-109 and make sure that you understand all the grammar and know all the vocabulary. Wheelock Chapter 14: Study pp. 114-118; Translate <i>Exercitationes</i> 1-13 (pp. 118-119).	Wheelock Chapter 14: Study pp. 114-118; Translate <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> and passages (pp. 119-121).
11 (11/5-9)	Wheelock Chapter 15: Study pp. 123-126; Translate <i>Exercitationes</i> 1-14 (p. 127).	Wheelock Chapter 15: Study pp. 123-126; Translate the <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> and passages (pp. 127-129).	Review Wheelock, pp. 123-126 and make sure that you understand all the grammar and know all the vocabulary. Wheelock Chapter 16: Study pp. 131-134; Translate <i>Exercitationes</i> 1-15 (pp. 134-135).
12 (11/12-16)	Wheelock Chapter 16: Study pp. 131-134; Translate the <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> and passages (pp. 135-137).	TEST III: Textbook chapters 12-16	Wheelock Chapter 17: Study pp. 139-142; Translate <i>Exercitationes</i> 1-14 (p. 142).
13 (11/19-23)	Wheelock Chapter 17: Study pp. 139-142; Translate <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> and passages (pp. 143-144).	Thanksgiving Break	
14 (11/26-30)	Wheelock Chapter 18: Study pp. 146-150; Translate <i>Exercitationes</i> 1-15 (p. 150).	Wheelock Chapter 18: Study pp. 146-150; Translate the <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> and passage (pp. 150-152).	Review Wheelock, pp. 146-150 and make sure that you understand all the grammar and know all the vocabulary. Wheelock Chapter 19: Study pp. 153-157; Translate <i>Exercitationes</i> sentences 1-15 (pp. 157-158).
15 (12/3-7)	Wheelock Chapter 19: Study pp. 153-157; Translate the <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> and passages (pp. 158-160).	Review Wheelock, pp. 153-157 and make sure that you understand all the grammar and know all the vocabulary. Wheelock Chapter 20: Study pp. 162-165; Translate the <i>Sententiae Antiquae</i> and passages (pp. 165-167).	Review session for Final Examination . Schedule 1-on-1 office hour visit for Monday 12/10 .

Final exam will be Wednesday, 12 December, 9:00am-12:00pm in BioSci 063

Strategies for Success

There are many ways to be successful in this class and many different things to take away from it, but the students who get the most out of the class tend to do the following:

- ❖ **Read everything more than once.** Even if you just spend 10 minutes before class skimming back over something, you will find you can retain and engage with it much better.
- ❖ **Practice vocabulary every day.** There are a lot of words to learn in this course, and you need to become familiar with them—the only way to succeed is by doing it every day, ideally several times.
- ❖ **Take notes both at home and in class.** If something looks important, it probably is—and if it's confusing for you, it probably is for others as well. Write it down so you can point it out later in class.
- ❖ Remember that **your assignments are an opportunity, not an obstacle.** You will challenge yourself and succeed by exploring new concepts, doing each assignment thoroughly, and reflecting afterwards.
- ❖ **Ask questions.** Write down your questions while you study and raise them in class. Ask your classmates what they think. Ask yourself what you think and why. In everything you read, ask—what do we know? how we know it? why does it matter?