University of South Carolina



LATIN 109 ELEMENTARY LATIN

BULLETIN INFORMATION

LATN 109- Elementary Latin (3 credit hours)

Course Description:

Introduction to grammar and practical vocabulary necessary for fundamental reading skills. Admission to 109 restricted to those who have never studied Latin, who have not studied Latin in the previous five years, or who have a score of L-1 on the placement test.

SAMPLE COURSE OVERVIEW

Latin 109 is designed to offer a structured, sustained practice in reading and analysis of basic Latin, as well as structured analysis of basic elements of the English language. The course will provide classroom instruction, followed by outside assignments designed to solidify concepts learned in class.

ITEMIZED LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of Latin 109 students will be able to:

- 1. Identify verb conjugations (1-4) and three noun declensions; form verb tenses in the active voice;
- 2. Decipher the elements within basic Latin sentences in order to understand what is being said:
- 3. Identify differing forms of words, with the understanding of what each form means;
- 4. Hear and respond to basic commands and short expressions;
- 5. Read with understanding short paragraphs, often modified versions of ancient Latin texts;
- 6. Compare basic concepts of political structure, religious beliefs, and everyday life of the ancient Romans with cultures of today; gain an increased awareness of the impact of Roman culture (especially literary, artistic, and philosophical) on the western tradition.

SAMPLE REQUIRED TEXTS/SUGGESTED READINGS/MATERIALS

1. F.M. Wheelock, Wheelock's Latin, 7th ed., (New York: Harper Collins, 2011).

SAMPLE ASSIGNMENTS AND/OR EXAMS

- Thirteen Quizzes
- 2. Two Tests and a Final examination

SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE WITH TIMELINE OF TOPICS, READINGS/ASSIGNMENTS, EXAMS/PROJECTS

Class 1: Introduction

History of Latin/pronunciation

Class 2: Chapter 1(=caput I)

Verbs: first and second conjugation

Class 3: Chapter 1

(Last day to drop/add)

Class 4: Chapter 2 (=caput II) Quiz #1

Nouns and adjectives: first declension

Class 5: Chapter 2

Practice sentences

Class 6: Chapter 2

Reading passage

Class 7: Chapters 3 (& 4)

Quiz #2

Nouns and adjectives: second declension (masculine and neuter)

Class 8: Chapter 3

Practices sentences

Class 9: Chapter 4

Quiz #3

Nouns: second declension, cont.; sum in the present

Class 10: Chapter 4

Practices sentences/reading

Class 11: Chapter 5

Verbs: future and imperfect tense (1st and 2nd conj)

Class 12: Chapter 5

Quiz #4 Reading

Class 13: Chapter 6

Verbs: sum and possum

Class 14: Chapter 6

Practice sentences

Class 15: Chapter 6

Quiz #5

(plus review)

Class 16: HOUR TEST 1

Class 17: Chapter 7

Nouns: third declension

Class 18: Chapter 7

Homework quiz (=Quiz #6)

Class 19: Chapter 8

Verbs: third conjugation

Class 20: Chapter 8

Quiz #7

NOUN vocab sheets due

Class 21: Chapters 9 (&11)

Demonstrative adjectives (/pronouns): hic, ille, iste, is

Class 22: Chapter 9

Reading passage

Class 23: Chapter 9

Quiz #8

Adjectives in "-ius"

Class 24: Chapter 10

Verbs: fourth conjugation; 3rd conjugation "io" verbs

Class 25: Chapter 10

VERB vocab sheets due

Class 26: Chapter 11

Quiz #9

Personal pronouns: ego, tu (is, ea, id)

Class 27: Chapter 11

Reading passage

Class 28: Chapters 11&12

Verbs: the perfect active system

Class 29: Chapter 12

Quiz #10

Practice sentences

Class 30: Chapter 12

Reading passage

Class 31: Chapter 13

Pronouns: reflexive and intensive; review

Class 32: HOUR TEST 2

Class 33: Chapter 13

Practice sentences

Class 34: Chapter 13

Reading passage

Class 35: Chapter 14

Quiz #11

Nouns: i-stem third declension; uses of the ablative

Class 36: Chapter 14

Reading passage

Class 37: Chapter 15

Numerals; more uses of the ablative

Class 38: Chapter 15

Quiz #12

Class 39: Chapter 16

Adjective: third declension (review of 1st/2nd decl.)

Class 40: Chapter 16

ADJ vocab sheets due

Class 41: Chapter 16

Quiz #13

Reading passage/practice sentences

Class 42: Review for final

Final exam according to university exam schedule