LATIN (580)101: ELEMENTARY LATIN
Fall 2007
Section 01
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REQUİRED TEXTS:
1- Andrew Keller and Stephanie Russell, Learn to Read Latin, Part I
2- Andrew Keller and Stephanie Russell, Learn to Read Latin Workbook, Part I
All texts are available at the Rutgers University Bookstore at Ferren Mall on Albany Street, Phone: (732) 246-8448. You may also order them online.
The Bookstore has ordered Part I of the grammar book and workbook for this semester. If you are ordering online from another vendor, you may purchase the unsplit edition, but be warned -- it’s heavy.

THE COURSE:
Latin 101 is the first half of a full-year Elementary Latin course designed to teach the basics of Latin grammar to those who have not previously studied the language or who may have forgotten what Latin they once knew. Elementary Latin introduces the complete noun and verb systems (the five declensions and four conjugations) and the fundamental rules of Latin grammar and syntax and provides considerable practice in reading simple Latin prose. By the end of the academic year, students who successfully complete both parts of the course (Latin 101 and 102) will have acquired a sufficient capability in the language in order to: 1) take intermediate-level Latin courses at most colleges and universities (Latin 203 and 204 are offered at Rutgers); 2) read easy authors more or less independently.

ASSIGNMENTS:
We will aim to cover Part I of Learn to Read Latin in the Fall semester; Part II will be completed in the Spring. Outside of class you will be expected to review carefully material recently covered in LTRL, memorize recent vocabulary and complete a written assignment. Written assignments must be completed by the following class meeting.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:
ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.
Unexcused absences: Three unexcused absences will be allowed without additional deduction from your grade. However, participation points missed due to an unexcused absence MAY NOT be made up. **MORE THAN THREE UNEXCUSED ABSENCES WILL RESULT IN THE DEDUCTION OF 50 POINTS FROM YOUR FINAL GRADE PER UNEXCUSED ABSENCE.**

Excused absences: 1) Absences due to sickness, injury, or family emergency may be excused with a signed note from the university health center or your dean of college. 2) In some cases, planned absences (e.g., for religious observance) may be allowed. Students requesting a planned absence must contact the instructor AT LEAST one week (7 days) in advance of the expected absence and must complete a makeup assignment determined by instructor along with all other assigned tasks due the day PRIOR to your absence.

For both excused and unexcused absences you are responsible for obtaining and completing missed assignments.

REMEMBER – Make-up quizzes and exams will be longer and more difficult. It is to your extreme disadvantage to miss test and exam days for any reason. Make-ups must be taken within one week of your return to class.

For the tests or final exam, only the original copy of a medical excuse, signed by a doctor of medicine, will be accepted as an excuse for absence. Any other form of excuse must receive the clearance of the appropriate dean's office and must be signed by a dean. Ordinary dental treatment should not be scheduled at the time of a class or on the day of an exam or on the day before an exam. Only emergency dental treatment will be accepted as an excuse and only on the basis of the original copy of a dental excuse, which must be signed by a dentist. Do not book airline tickets for the day of a class or an exam. A non-refundable, unchangeable ticket is not an excuse for missing a class or a quiz or an exam.

**Grading:**

Each of the following components will determine a fraction of the final grade:

a. Participation/Homework- 150pts.

b. Quizzes- 150 pts.

c. Hour Tests (Midterms)- 400 pts. (2 tests, 200 pts. each)

d. Final examination- 300 pts.

1) Homework and class participation (150 pts). Active participation (i.e. being willing and often able to answer questions, and also to ask them) at all class meetings is required. Written homework, when assigned, must be completed for the next class meeting; these assignments will be collected. Homework will generally be assigned after each class meeting and gone over in the following class meeting. At the instructor’s discretion (and without prior announcement), one or two assignments will be taken in and graded each week.

2) Quizzes (150 pts.). Eleven weekly quizzes (15 minutes) will be administered in class. Your lowest-scoring quiz will not be counted towards your final grade.
3) Midterms (400 pts.). Two 50-minute tests (200 pts. each) are scheduled for the sixth and eleventh weeks of the semester. The first midterm will cover up to and including chapter 4 and the second midterm will cover up to and including chapter 6 (possibly some of 7). These will be administered in class during the weeks in question. Please mark your calendar and plan accordingly.

4) Final examination (300 pts.). The final examination, like the hour tests, will be cumulative; that is, each will be designed to cover all the material presented in the course to date. Examinations will be administered according to the schedule set for standard period combinations. Please mark your calendar and plan accordingly.

N.B. You must complete each component to receive a grade in this course.

N.B. I do NOT negotiate grades.

Points will be turned into letter grades according to the following scheme:

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**Schedule of Classes:**

Below is a brief schedule of classes noting the chapters from *LTRL* that we will cover each week and the test/exam dates. I will announce homework assignments and quizzes in class.

Week One - Sept. 5, 6 – Introduction, I

Week Two - Sept. 10, 12, 13 – II

Week Three - Sept. 17, 19, 20 – III

Week Four - Sept 24, 26, 27 – III

Week Five - Oct. 1, 3, 4 – IV

Week Six - Oct. 8, 10, 11 – IV; (Midterm)

Week Seven - Oct. 15, 17, 18 – V

Week Eight - Oct. 22, 24, 25 – V

Week Nine - Oct. 29, 31, Nov. – V, VI
Week Ten - Nov. 5, 7, 9 – VI

Week Eleven – Nov. 12, 14, 15 – VI, VII; (Midterm)

Week Twelve - Nov. 19, 20 – VII

Week Thirteen - Nov. 26, 28, 29 – VII

Week Fourteen - Dec. 3, 5, 6 – VIII

Week Fifteen - Dec. 10, 12 – Review (?)

***FINAL EXAM: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 12:00 – 3:00 P.M.***

Additional notices:

If you are a university athlete, please let me know.

Under Federal Law, the University is required to provide reasonable academic accommodations to students with documentable disabilities, in legally defined categories. If you have special needs in this course, please have your College coordinator contact me by the end of the second week of classes.

Make sure you are aware of the University’s regulations concerning academic dishonesty and plagiarism.