

# LATN 2001--INTERMEDIATE LATIN

## Spring 2009

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### PROSPECTUS

LATN 2001 is the third course in the regular elementary/intermediate sequence of Latin courses at UGA. In it, we will make the transition from grammar, vocabulary, and syntax exercises accompanied with practice readings, to connected translation of original Latin texts, mostly prose. We will begin by reading selections by various authors, including Julius Caesar and Cicero, written between 50 and 48 BC, a period of time that saw profound changes in Roman politics and society. We will continue with selections from Ovid's *Metamorphoses* and we will use these sources not only as fine examples of classical Latin with which to begin truly reading the language, but also as historical sources and works of story-telling and rhetoric in the best Latin tradition. By the end of the course, you should be well on your way to gaining facility in the translation of Latin prose and poetry, have reviewed most of the grammar and syntax of the Latin language in context, and have knowledge of two of the most important writers in Latin Literature.

### REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

Grades will be earned based on your performance on the following:

- 1) **Attendance and class preparation.** Every student will be called on to translate assigned passages and/or to answer (and ask) questions in class regularly. If you are not there, you cannot participate and so you will fail for that day. A maximum of five absences without penalty will be allowed. For each additional absence, one point will be taken off your next test. **In class you will not be allowed to look at your own written translation or to write down the translation done by other students or the teacher.** You will still need a pencil to take notes.
- 4) **Three period-long tests** administered throughout the semester, on the days indicated. These tests may include translation (both prepared and at sight), grammar and syntax questions, content questions, and whatever else seems appropriate. Tests will NOT be administered early, NOR there will be any makeup test (except in very extraordinary circumstances).
- 5) **One meter test** which will include both scansion of a few lines from the *Metamorphoses* and questions about meter.

6) **Comprehensive final exam.** The exam will include passages read in class or based on such readings, and any other material we may have covered during the semester, as well as grammar and syntax questions, content questions, sight translation, etc.

### GRADING PERCENTAGES:

Attendance, Quizzes, Preparation, and Participation	30%
3 Tests	45%
Meter Test	5%
Final Exam	20%

### TEXTBOOKS:

Robert Knapp and Pamela Vaughn, *Finis Rei Publicae, Eyewitnesses to the End of the Roman Republic*, 2nd Edition, Focus 2003

Robert Knapp and Pamela Vaughn, *Finis Rei Publicae, Eyewitnesses to the End of the Roman Republic, Workbook*, 2nd Edition, Focus 2003

Ovid: R. LaFleur (ed.) *Love and Transformation: An Ovid Reader*  
Longman, 1999

Recommended: a Latin dictionary of your choice

**ACADEMIC HONESTY:** All academic work must meet the standards contained in "A Culture of Honesty." Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>January 19</b>	<b>Martin Luther King Holiday</b>
<b>February 6</b>	<b>Test 1</b>
<b>March 4</b>	<b>Test 2</b>
<b>March 9-13</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
<b>March 24</b>	<b>Withdrawal Deadline</b>
<b>April 3</b>	<b>Test 3</b>
<b>April 30</b>	<b>Last Day of Class</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Meter Test</b>
<b>May 8 (Fri)</b>	<b>Final Exam (12:00-3:00)</b>