

Latin 2001

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Texts: 1) *Caesar, Invasion of Britain*, ed. W. Welch and C. G. Duffield.

2) *Ovid, Love and Transformation*, ed. Richard A. LaFleur

Testing: There will be four tests (including the final exam). The format for each will consist of translation into English of two out of three Latin passages we have gone over in class, plus a previously unseen Latin passage for translation. There will also be some objective, short-answer questions (in English) on the grammatical, stylistic, cultural and historical material presented in class and the textbooks. In the first part of the course there will also be some pre-announced quizzes during our review of basic grammar.

Grading:	Quizzes	5%	Aug. 19-31
	Test 1	23%	approx. Sept. 11
	Test 2	23%	approx. Oct. 9
	Test 3	23%	approx. Nov. 6
	Test 4	26%	Dec. 10 at 3:30 pm

Honesty: All academic work must meet the standards contained in the UGA statement "A Culture of Honesty." Students are responsible for informing themselves about these standards before performing any academic work. A statement of the policy is available on-line at: www.uga.edu/honesty

Attendance: Regular attendance and class participation are expected. After three un-excused absences, you will be penalized one point off your final grade for each additional absence. To have an absence excused or to request a Make-up test, you will need to present a physician's note or comparable written documentation. Everyone is expected to participate (translate) in class; obvious (especially habitual) lack of preparation for class may count as an absence.

Tutoring: There will be a tutor available at no charge everyday in Park Hall 246. Specific hours are posted on the door. Don't hesitate to take advantage of this valuable service if you need help in reviewing the basics of Latin grammar.

Prospectus: Latin 2001 is an introduction to Classical Latin Literature, both prose and verse. It presumes a knowledge of basic Latin grammar and vocabulary, though the fundamentals of Latin syntax (as presented in Latin 1001-1002) will be reviewed as needed, especially during the opening days of the course. We will begin by reading several chapters from Julius Caesar's account of his military invasion of Britain in 55-54 BC, and then devote the rest of the course to the poetry of Ovid who presents several mythological stories of a romantic character. The aim of the course is not only to build fluency in reading Latin, but also to cultivate a literary appreciation for the work of these two major Roman authors, and to acquire a basic knowledge of their life and times.

This syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.