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Arts and Sciences Division
Communication Department
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Latin 1412-328

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Required Textbook

Hans-Friedrich Mueller. Caesar: Selections from his Commentarii De Bello Gallico Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers, Inc. Mundelein, Illinois.

A Latin-English dictionary or app might be helpful but is not required.

Course Description – This course emphasizes continued language development and refinement through translation of Latin prose written by Julius Caesar

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This course begins with basic grammar review and transitions to reading authentic Latin passages Commentaries of the Gallic War by Julius Caesar. Students will study Roman history and culture during the 1st century B.C. be asked to read portions of English translations. Those passages are found in the back of the Mueller book.

Course Competencies

The student will be able to perform on a “novice” to “intermediate” level, as defined by ACTFL, American Council of Foreign Language Teachers. Classical Latin courses emphasize a reading proficiency and not a spoken proficiency. However, pronunciation of Latin text will be routinely practiced.

Homework

Assignments are to be prepared before class. Each assignment will be due at the beginning of class unless otherwise stated. Prepare your assignments carefully and expect to participate in class. Turn in work prior to an absence if you are able.

Grading For Semester

A letter grade of C or better is required to continue to the next level of Latin at SPC

Attendance Policy

Class attendance is mandatory.

You are expected to be on time and to remain the entire class period.

Class Conduct – Because learning occurs best in a supportive and respectful atmosphere, you should conduct yourself in a responsible manner. Rude or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Cell phones must be silenced and put away.

Special Notice

If at any time you decide to drop the course, it is your responsibility to do so. Please follow the appropriate procedures. If you are absent four times and have not initiated the drop procedure, you will be dropped by the instructor with a grade of “withdrawn failing.”

Academic Integrity

Cheating and plagiarism constitute serious offenses. See the SPC General Catalog and SPC Student Guide

Americans with Disabilities Act

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Special Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Special Services Coordinator. For more information, call or visit the Special Services Office in the Student Services Building, 894-9611 ext, 2529, 2530.

Course Objectives

Communication

Students engage in oral and written exchanges of learned material to provide and obtain information.

Students understand and interpret written language on a variety of topics.

Culture

Students demonstrate an understanding of Roman customs and religion and how they relate to the perspectives of the culture studied.

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Connection

Students reinforce and further their knowledge of other disciplines through extensive knowledge of Latin roots and prefixes.

Students expand their knowledge of other subject areas through knowledge of Roman influence in architecture, art, literature, and government.

Comparison

Students demonstrate understanding of the nature of language through comparisons of Latin and their own language.

Students demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the student's own culture and the Roman culture

Community

Students participate in cultural events that reach beyond the school setting.

Students show evidence of becoming lifelong learners by using the language for personal enrichment and career

development. Note: Advanced Latin will focus on English word derivations and Latin phrases and mottoes used in English.

Course Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to demonstrate proficiency in the following areas:

- Basic knowledge of pronunciation and intonation
- Basic knowledge of the grammar and translation of both simple and complex sentences
- Basic knowledge of Roman history from 753 B.C. until 476 A.D.
- Additional knowledge surrounding the 100 years prior to the life of Julius Caesar to the reign of the first emperor, Augustus.
- Basic skill of predicting the meaning of words based on knowledge of Latin roots.
- Basic knowledge of Roman culture and its impact on Western thought.
- Basic knowledge of everyday life in ancient Rome.