



LATIN I

LAT101A/101B — 1.0 Credit

This introduction to Latin clarifies the traditionally difficult aspects of the language through vocabulary that follows all standard Latin rules but allows students to tell modern stories connected to a contemporary adventure. Students study familiar vocabulary so they can bring into focus the special characteristics of Latin, notably noun cases and declensions. Games, modern content, and multimedia exercises make this Latin experience vibrant and alive. Students receive ongoing practice in vocabulary and grammar, which leads to study of post-Classical Latin, both ecclesiastical and secular, as embodied in the Vulgate Bible and Medieval Latin texts. Students will be able to read and understand excerpts of authentic classical works by the end of the course.

Who Should Take This Course?

Students with little or no Latin language experience.

What Will I Learn?

Phrases: Familiar Latin phrases as well as greetings, introductions, relationships, cause and effect, how to express likes and dislikes and how to ask questions. Esperanto is also introduced as a method for learning Latin.

Vocabulary: Animals, body parts, family words, shapes, geography, colors, food, health and safety, numbers, and household vocabulary.

Grammar: Noun forms (nominative, accusative, genitive, dative, ablative, and vocative); genders; declensions; prepositions; word order; regular and irregular verbs; present tense verbs (indicative vs. exhortative modes); future tense verbs (indicative and imperfective); past tense verbs (imperfective aspect); plural noun phrases; modal verbs; past time reference; passive vs. active mode; i-stem verbs; fourth conjugation verbs; and imperatives.

Culture: Students will gain an understanding of the history of the Latin language and cultural aspects of the Roman Empire, such as history, life, politics, and the arts.