

"nescire autem quid antequam natus sis acciderit, id est semper esse puerum." (To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child.) Marcus Tullius Cicero

Syllabus

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Course Overview: Latin I introduces students to the basics of the Latin language, primarily focusing on reading and grammar. Another important goal of the course is for students to learn about Ancient Roman culture. Instruction will typically take place in English, but as we progress, students should expect to receive increasing amounts of information in our target language, Latin.

Grades: Your final grade will be an average of the four quarters (20% each) and your final exam (20%)
Grades will be broken down into skill areas:

- Reading Comprehension and Translation (30%)
- Culture/History/Mythology (10%)
- Vocabulary (30%)
- Grammar, Composition, and Speaking (30%)

Rules and Expectations:

1. Abide by all Northwest HS expectations for behavior.
2. Be respectful and considerate of the teacher, classroom, and other students. This includes maintaining a polite tone, refraining from inappropriate language, staying in your own personal space, and cleaning up after yourself.
3. Attend regularly, participate in every class activity, and complete assignments in a timely manner.
4. Do your own work and only your own work unless a partner has been assigned. Cheating of any kind will result in a zero on the assignment (this includes giving answers to others).
5. Internet-connected devices will be stowed in my device holder during class unless needed for a class activity.

Device Policy: It is the policy of the foreign language department that any internet-connected device is not allowed to be on your person during class. Please silence and deposit your devices in the appropriate pocket at the beginning of class and pick it up on your way out. If I discover it on your person or it makes a sound during class, I will confiscate it for the remainder of the day and you will receive automatic detention.

Makeup Work: Please make up any quizzes or assignments within ONE WEEK of returning to school. Anything late by more than a week earns a zero. Please schedule makeup time with me for quizzes or assignments which require my help.

*Snow Days: Due dates do not change because of snow! If something is due on a day that school is cancelled, it will be due the following day.

Getting Help: I am happy to support you through tutoring as much as possible, but it is your responsibility to ask for help. I am available most mornings by 8:00am and Monday and Friday afternoons. I am happy to set aside a specific weekly appointment for you if you would like long-term one-on-one tutoring.

Students wishing to be in the National Latin Honor Society should be prepared to tutor students at lower levels. Please make your contact information available if you would like to be a peer tutor.

Additional Opportunities:

Latin Club: meets once or twice a month to do volunteer work, crafts, have a meal, watch a movie, etc. Affiliated with the Junior Classical League, which hosts contests and a state and national convention in the Spring/Summer and a forum in the Fall (attendance to these is optional).

Certamen: Latin trivia team, practices 1x/week and competes at regionals in March and, if qualifying, at states in April/May. 4 person teams at three different levels.

National Latin Honor Society: requires membership in the Latin Club, an A average in Latin for the preceding year (determined in December), and volunteer service hours through peer tutoring. Students receive a cord for graduation if inducted and opportunity to apply for a scholarship in their senior year.

National Latin Exam: standardized test administered in March. Top performers earn certificates and medals, and high performance several years in a row allows students to apply for scholarships and additional awards.

Classics Day: hosted by UNCG on their campus, students majoring in Classics run a day of fun and learning for those interested in the field. Learn about possible college studies while enjoying fun activities for FREE!

Tusculum Virginianum: for the seriously committed, a Latin immersion week in the mountains of Virginia held during the summers.

Ascanius, the Youth Classics Institute: an organization offering summer opportunities and scholarships for secondary and elementary schools partnering to promote the study of Classics.

International Travel: we will be sharing information about a trip to Italy for Spring Break 2019, stay posted!

I have read and I understand the entirety of this document. I agree to abide by the conditions in this document for as long as I am in Mrs. Beach's class.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date