Beginning Classical Latin I :: LATIN 1010 & 101
MTWH 9:40-10:30 a.m. :: 4 Credit Hours :: BU C 211

This course is designed to introduce you to the ancient Latin language. Our main objective will be to gain a working knowledge of the fundamentals of Latin grammar, syntax and vocabulary by reading and translating sentences and passages adapted from, and inspired by, ancient Latin authors such as Cicero, Caesar, and Catullus. Latin texts are foundational in world literary traditions and have provided us with some of the most profound, beautiful, and effective examples of literature documenting and examining the human condition. This course, combined with LATIN 1020, will provide you with the fundamental skills to read, analyze and comprehend the speeches of Cicero, the love poetry of Ovid, and the histories of Livy. Furthermore, we will also consider the influence of the ancient Latin language and its various literary forms on our own modern languages, especially the English language.

Learning Outcomes: Successful completion of this course will...
1. Provide you with a solid foundation in ancient Latin vocabulary, syntax, and grammar.
2. Enable you to read and comprehend simple passages in Latin with the aid of a dictionary and grammar.
3. Reinforce your understanding of fundamental language concepts applicable to English and other languages.
4. Foster a broad knowledge of ancient Roman culture.
5. Prepare you to continue on to LATIN 1020 and complete the Beginning Classical Latin sequence.

We will use Wheelock’s Latin, 7th edition revised, by F.M. Wheelock and R. LaFleur, (Harper Collins, 2005; ISBN-10: 0061997226) as our primary textbook. This same book will also be the text for LATIN 1020 offered in the spring semester. You can purchase this text at the U of U Bookstore or another bookseller. A paper copy you can bring to class and make notes in is highly recommended.

TEN REASONS TO TAKE LATIN

1. The original Romance language
2. Keep your friends from getting bad tattoos
3. Over 60% of English vocabulary is from Latin
4. Summon demons
5. Get better GRE, LSAT, & MCAT scores
6. Epic adventures & dramatic love stories
7. "Latin is the maths of Humanities." ~ L. Morgan
8. Exorcise demons
9. Understand the difference between i.e. & e.g.
10. Expelliarmus, lumos & EXPECTO PATRONUM!