

St. Mary's College
Department of Humanities
LAT 301: Survey of Latin Literature
Fall 2024

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Class Schedule: TTh 2:50-4:10 (Rm. 200)
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Course Description and Purpose:

For students with a firm grasp of Latin grammar and syntax, this course will apply grammatical knowledge through consideration of literary works from all periods and genres, including examples in both poetry and prose.

Course Materials (required):

Course packet is provided.
A midsize or larger Latin dictionary (*e.g. Bantam New College Latin & English Dictionary*) is required.
Gildersleeve's Latin Grammar (any edition) is recommended.

Grading and Assignments:

Students are to be prepared to translate passages assigned for each class. As this is a reading class, students are not given daily assignments to be graded – no written homework will be assigned – but rather are expected to engage in independent readings followed by lively discussions in the classroom.

Three quizzes on literature selections previously read in class as well as sight passages will be administered (see schedule below).

A midterm and a comprehensive final examination will be given. Also, 10% of the final grade will be based on the student's participation in both translation and class discussions.

Regular attendance is expected. More than three unexcused absences within a semester will affect the student's final grade, resulting in an automatic drop of one letter grade increment (*e.g., an A drops to an A-*) for EACH absence after the third.

Late assignments will affect the student's final grade, resulting in an automatic drop of 5 points each day after the assigned due date.

Grade Distribution:

Quizzes:	45%
Participation:	10%
Midterm:	20%
Final:	25%

Reading Schedule:

Week 1:	9/3	Introduction; <i>Sententiae; Veni Sancte Spiritus</i>
	9/5	Cicero, <i>In Catilinam</i> 1.1-8

Week 2:	9/10	Cicero (cont.)
	9/12	Catullus: 1, 2, 3, 101
Week 3:	9/17	Catullus (cont.)
	9/19	QUIZ 1 ; Pliny the Younger, 6.20
Week 4:	9/24	Pliny (cont.)
	9/26	Pliny (cont.)
Week 5:	10/1	Cicero, <i>Ad Fam.</i> 12.10
	10/3	Terence, <i>Andria</i> 1-27; Plautus, <i>Rudens</i> 514-522
Week 6:	10/8	<i>Lucis Creator Optime, Te Lucis Ante Terminum; Oratio Ante Studium</i>
	10/10	Ennius, <i>Annales</i> 1.32-48
Week 7:	10/15	Ovid, <i>Met.</i> 1.89-150
	10/17	MIDTERM
Week 8:	10/22	Ovid (cont.)
	10/24	Petronius, <i>Cena Trimalchionis</i>
Week 9:	10/29	<i>Dies Irae</i> and other texts from All Souls' Day
	10/31	MID-SEMESTER BREAK (no classes)
Week 10:	11/5	Pliny 9.6
	11/7	QUIZ 2 ; Ovid, <i>Heroides</i> 1 excerpts
Week 11:	11/12	St. Jerome, <i>Ep.</i> 22 <i>Ad Eustochium</i>
	11/14	Juvenal: <i>Sat.</i> 3.268-314
Week 12:	11/19	Juvenal (cont.)
	11/21	<i>Carmina Burana</i> (<i>In Taberna, O Fortuna, Olim Lacus Colueram</i>)
THANKSGIVING BREAK		
Week 13:	11/26	QUIZ 3 ; <i>Creator Alme Siderum; Christe, Redemptor Omnium</i>
	11/28	NO CLASS (THANKSGIVING BREAK)
Week 14:	12/3	Horace, <i>Odes</i> 1.9
	12/5	St. Ambrose, <i>Veni Redemptor Gentium</i> ; texts from the feast of the Immaculate Conception
Week 15:	12/10	Vergil, <i>Aeneid</i> 1 (excerpts)
TBA FINAL EXAM		