

**St. Mary's College**  
**Department of Humanities**  
**LAT 302: Oratory and Rhetoric**  
**Fall 2024**

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**Class Schedule:** MWF 1:25-2:15; Room 200  
**Office Hours:** By appointment

**Course Description and Purpose:**

An introduction to the art of persuasion via the works of Cicero, Quintilian, Tacitus, etc., explored through discussing the stylistic, social, and historical context and framework of these pivotal texts. Our major defense speech is the *Pro Archia*; our major invective speech is the first Catilinarian.

**Course Materials:**

**Required:**

*O Tempora! O Mores!: Cicero's Catilinarian Orations*. Ed. Susan O. Shapiro, 2005. University of Oklahoma Press. ISBN: 978-0806136622.

*Cicero Pro Archia*. Ed. Grace Starry West, 1988. Bryn Mawr Commentaries. ISBN: 978-0929524382.

A Latin-English/English-Latin dictionary is required.

**Recommended:**

*Gildersleeve's Latin Grammar* (any edition).

**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). Also, 10% of the final grade will be based on the student's participation in both translation and class discussions.

In lieu of a final exam, there will be a final translation and essay project (due December 11), which each student will present in class. The smaller midterm project will provide the basis for this; additional details and instructions will be given for both.

**Regular attendance is expected.** More than four 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 fourth.

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%

**Attendance Policy:**

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**Reading Schedule:**

Week 1:	9/6	Introduction; <i>Rhetorica Ad Herennium</i> excerpts
	9/8	<i>Rhetorica Ad Herennium</i> excerpts
Week 2:	9/9	Cicero, <i>De Partitione Oratoria/De Inventione</i> excerpts
	9/11	Cicero, <i>De Oratore/De Optimo Genere Oratorum</i> excerpts
	9/13	Cicero, <i>De Oratore/De Optimo Genere Oratorum</i> excerpts
Week 3:	9/16	Cicero, <i>Pro Archia</i>
	9/18	Cicero, <i>Pro Archia</i>
	9/20	Cicero, <i>Pro Archia</i>
Week 4:	9/23	Cicero, <i>Pro Archia</i>
	9/25	Cicero, <i>Pro Archia</i> ; <b>QUIZ 1</b>
	9/27	Cicero, <i>Pro Archia</i>
Week 5:	9/30	Cicero, <i>Pro Archia</i>
	10/2	Cicero, <i>Pro Archia</i>
	10/4	Cicero, <i>Pro Archia</i>

**COLLEGE RETREATS**

Week 6:	10/7	Cicero, <i>Pro Archia</i>
	10/9	Cicero, <i>Pro Archia</i>
Week 7:	10/14	<b>COLUMBUS DAY - NO CLASS (TRIP TO CAPITOL BUILDING)</b>
	10/16	Cicero, <i>In Catilinam</i> 1; <b>QUIZ 2</b>
	10/18	Cicero, <i>In Catilinam</i> 1
Week 8:	10/21	Cicero, <i>In Catilinam</i> 1
	10/23	Cicero, <i>In Catilinam</i> 1
	10/25	Cicero, <i>In Catilinam</i> 1
Week 9:	10/28	Cicero, <i>In Catilinam</i> 1; <b>MIDTERM PROJECT DUE</b>
	10/30	<b>NO CLASS (MID-SEMESTER BREAK)</b>
	11/1	<b>NO CLASS (ALL SAINTS' DAY)</b>

**EASTER BREAK**

Week 10:	11/4	Cicero, <i>In Catilinam</i> 1
	11/6	Cicero, <i>In Catilinam</i> 1
	11/8	Cicero, <i>In Catilinam</i> 1
Week 11:	11/11	Cicero, <i>In Catilinam</i> 1
	11/13	Cicero, <i>In Catilinam</i> 1; <b>QUIZ 3</b>
	11/15	Cicero, <i>In Catilinam</i> 1
Week 12:	11/18	Cicero, <i>In Catilinam</i> 1
	11/20	Cicero, <i>In Catilinam</i> 1
	11/22	Cicero, <i>In Catilinam</i> 1
Week 13:	11/25	attrib. Tacitus, <i>Dialogus de Oratoribus</i>
	11/27	<b>NO CLASS (THANKSGIVING BREAK)</b>
	11/29	<b>NO CLASS (THANKSGIVING BREAK)</b>

Week 14:	12/2	<b>NO CLASS (THANKSGIVING BREAK)</b>
	12/4	Quintilian, <i>Institutio Oratoria</i>
	12/6	Quintilian, <i>Institutio Oratoria</i>
Week 15:	12/9	<b>FINAL PRESENTATIONS</b>
	12/11	<b>FINAL PRESENTATIONS; FINAL PROJECT DUE</b>
	12/13	<b>NO CLASSES (STUDY DAY)</b>