

Fall 2014, MTWR 10:00-10:50, PR 203

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Office Hours: MR 2-2:50 or by appointment. I have an open-door policy, but it's always best to let me know ahead of time if you intend to drop in.

Course Objective: The immediate goal of this course is to provide the student with a basic understanding of the Latin language through the study of its grammar and syntax, and through readings of Classical Latin texts. Completion of the two semester course sequence should allow students to proceed to intermediate level classes and advanced reading of Latin literature. The ultimate goal of the course is to instill in students an appreciation of the significance of classical literature on the western tradition and on our own lives.

Course Plan: This quarter we will complete the first 22 chapters of *Wheelock's Latin*. If time permits, we will also look at aspects of Roman literature, history, and society. Students are expected to complete all assignments on time and to participate actively in class. As in any language course it is extremely important for students to maintain a disciplined regimen of daily study. Homework, quizzes, comprehensive exams, and a final examination will provide the basis for evaluation of student progress.

Texts: Please obtain the following texts. Note in particular the specific edition required.

- Wheelock, Frederic M. *Wheelock's Latin*, 6th edition revised. Edited by Richard A. LaFleur. New York: Harper Collins, 2005.
- Groton, Ann H. and J. M. May. *Thirty-eight Latin Stories*, 5th edition. Wauconda: Bolchazy-Carducci, 2004.

Academic responsibility: I take the issues of cheating and plagiarism seriously. Please familiarize yourself with Pomona's policies and procedures regarding appropriate and inappropriate academic behavior by consulting the following webpage:

http://catalog.pomona.edu/content.php?catoid=3&navoid=80#Academic_Standards

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Academic accommodations: Pomona College is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Requests for accommodations may be made by contacting the Dean of Students Office. It is up to the student to contact the professor to fulfill the accommodations. Requests received after this date will be honored whenever possible.

Grading: The following table gives a breakdown of grades in the class. For my views on grading, participation, and classroom etiquette, please consult the following:

<http://pages.pomona.edu/~cmc24747/policies.htm>.

Periodic Exams (6): 45%

Homework: 15%

Final Exam: 25%

Participation and attendance: 15%*

*The participation component is based on my impression of your preparedness. If I feel you are not prepared on more than one occasion, you will lose 2 percentage points for each subsequent instance of unpreparedness. Attendance is mandatory. Your overall grade will be reduced by one-third of a letter grade for each unexcused absence. For an absence to be excused you must provide me with appropriate documentation within one day.

Schedule: The following schedule outlines the readings and assignments that we will attempt to cover this quarter. Use this schedule as a rough guide for general study and, if you like, for working ahead. W = *Wheelock's Latin*, 6th edition revised; PR = Practice and Review Exercises in Wheelock; SA = *Sententiae Antiquae* in Wheelock; GM = Groton and May, *Thirty-Eight Latin Stories*.

Week 1**M Sept 1**

NO CLASS

T Sept 2

In class: Introduction

W Sept 3

Read: W Ch 1

Prepare: *Sententiae* 1-15 (W pp. 6-7) HAND IN WORKSHEET 1**R Sept 4**

Prepare: "Horace contemplates in invitation" (W p. 7)

In class: *Sententiae* 16-20 (W p. 7)

Week 2**M Sept 8**

Read: W Ch 2

Prepare: SA 1-15 (W pp. 14-15)

T Sept 9

Prepare "Catullus bids his girlfriend farewell" (W p. 15) HAND IN WORKSHEET 2

In class: SA 16-20 (W p. 15)

W Sept 10

Read: W Ch 3

Prepare: PR 1-7 (W p. 21) HAND IN WORKSHEET 3

R Sept 11

Prepare: "Pandora's box" (GM pp. 2-3)

In class: PR 8-11 (W p. 21)

Week 3**M Sept 15**

Read: W Ch. 4

Prepare: PR 1-8 (W p. 28) HAND IN WORKSHEET 4

T Sept 16

Prepare "The tragic story of Phaethon" (GM pp. 4-5)

In class: PR 9-12 (W p. 28)

W Sept 17

Review

R Sept 18

EXAM 1

Week 4**M Sept 22**

Read: W Ch 5

Prepare: PR 1-11 (W p. 34) HAND IN WORKSHEET 5

T Sept 23

Prepare: "The adventures of Io" (GM pp. 6-7)

In class: PR 12-15 (W p. 35)

W Sept 24

Read: W Ch 6 HAND IN WORKSHEET 6

Prepare: PR 1-10 (W pp. 39-40)

R Sept 25

Prepare: "The curse of Atreus" (GM pp. 8-9)

In class: PR 11-14 (W p. 40)

Week 5

M Sept 29

Read: W Ch 7

Prepare: PR 1-10 (W pp. 45-46) HAND IN WORKSHEET 7

T Sept 30

Prepare: "Cleobis and Biton" (GM pp. 10-11)

In class: PR 11-14 (W p. 46)

W Oct 1

Review

R Oct 2

EXAM 2

Week 6

M Oct 6

Read: W Ch 8

Prepare: PR 1-8 (W p. 52) HAND IN WORKSHEET 8

T Oct 7

Prepare: "Laocoön and the Trojan Horse" (GM pp. 12-13)

In class: PR 9-12 (W p. 52)

W Oct 8

Read: W Ch 9

Prepare: PR 1-10 (W p. 59) HAND IN WORKSHEET 9

R Oct 9

Prepare: "Nisus and Euryalus" (GM pp. 14-15)

In class: PR 11-14 (W p. 59)

Week 7

M Oct 13

Read: W Ch 10

Prepare: PR 1-12 (W p. 65) HAND IN WORKSHEET 10

T Oct 14

Prepare: "Aurora and Tithonus" (GM pp. 16-17)

In class: PR 13-16 (W p. 65)

W Oct 15

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EXAM 3

R Oct 16
NO CLASS

Week 8

M Oct 20
NO CLASS

T Oct 21
NO CLASS

W Oct 22
Read: W Ch 11
Prepare: PR 11-13 (W p. 72) **HAND IN WORKSHEET 11**

R Oct 23
Prepare: "Ulysses and the cyclops" (GM pp. 18-19)
In class: PR 14-17 (W p. 72)

Week 9

M Oct 27
Read: W Ch 12
Prepare: PR 1-11 (W p. 79) **HAND IN WORKSHEET 12**

T Oct 28
Prepare: "A gift bearing Greeks" (GM pp. 20-21)
In class: PR 12-15 (W p. 79)

W Oct 29
Read: W Ch 13
Prepare: PR 1-12 (W p. 86) **HAND IN WORKSHEET 13**

R Oct 30
Prepare: "Echo and handsome Narcissus" (GM 22-23)
In class: PR 13-17 (W p. 86)

Week 10

M Nov 3
Read: W Ch 14
Prepare: PR 1-9 (W pp. 93-94) **HAND IN WORKSHEET 14**

T Nov 4
Prepare: "Europa and the bull" (GM pp. 24-25)
In class: PR 10-13 (W p. 94)

W Nov 5
Review

R Nov 6
EXAM 4

Week 11

M Nov 10
Read: W Ch 15
Prepare: PR 1-10 (W pp. 100-101) **HAND IN WORKSHEET 15**

T Nov 11

Prepare: "How the Aegean got its name" (GM 26-27)

In class: PR 11-14 (W p. 101)

W Nov 12

Read: W Ch 16

Prepare: PR 1-11 (W p. 107) HAND IN WORKSHEET 16

R Nov 13

Prepare: "The wrath of Achilles" (GM pp. 28-29)

In class: PR 12-15 (W pp. 107-108)

Week 12

M Nov 17

Read: W Ch 17

Prepare: PR 1-11 (W p. 113) HAND IN WORKSHEET 17

T Nov 18

Prepare: "The Myrmidons (ant people)" (GM pp. 30-31)

In class: PR 12-14 (W p. 113)

W Nov 19

Read: W Ch 18

Prepare: PR 1-11 (W pp. 119-120) HAND IN WORKSHEET 18

R Nov 20

Prepare: "A wedding invitation" (GM pp. 32-33)

In class: PR 12-15 (W p. 120)

Week 13

M Nov 24

EXAM 5

T Nov 25

Read: W Ch 19

Prepare: PR 1-11 (W p. 126) HAND IN WORKSHEET 19

W Nov 26

Prepare: "The judgment of Paris" (GM pp. 34-35)

In class: PR 12-15 (W p. 126)

R Nov 27

NO CLASS

Week 14

M Dec 1

Read: W Ch 20

Prepare: PR 1-11 (W p. 132) HAND IN WORKSHEET 20

T Dec 2

Prepare: "The labors of Hercules" (GM pp. 36-37)

In class: PR 12-15 (W p. 132)

W Dec 3

Read: W Ch 21

Prepare: PR 1-13 (W pp. 137-138) HAND IN WORKSHEET 21

R Dec 4

Prepare: "The Golden Age returns" (GM pp. 38-39)

In class: 14-17 (W p. 138)

Week 15

M Dec 8

Read: W Ch 22

Prepare: PR 1-11 (W p. 144) HAND IN WORKSHEET 22

T Dec 9

Prepare: "Cicero reports his victory over Catiline" (GM pp. 40-41)

In class: PR 12-16 (W p. 144)

W Dec 10

EXAM 6

R Dec 11

NO CLASS

FINAL EXAM

Reference Works: I have compiled a list of some reference texts to which Classical scholars frequently refer and which might prove useful to beginning students of Latin. If you intend to continue your Latin studies beyond the first year, you will doubtless encounter these books in some context or another.

- Cary, Max. and Henry H. Scullard. *A History of Rome*, 3rd edition. New York: St. Martins, 1975.
- Conte, Gian Biagio. *Latin Literature: A History*. Translated by Joseph B. Solodow. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1994.
- Gildersleeve, Basil L. and Gonzales Lodge. *Latin Grammar*, 3rd edition, 1895. Reprint, London: MacMillan, 1976.
- Glare, P. G. W., editor. *Oxford Latin Dictionary*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1982.
- Greenough, J. B., G. L. Kittredge, A. A. Howard, Benjamin L. D'Ooge, editors. *Allen and Greenough's New Latin Grammar*. 1931. Reprint, New York: Caratzas, 1992.
- Hornblower, Simon and Anthony Spawforth, editors. *The Oxford Classical Dictionary*, 3rd edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996.
- Lewis, Charlton T. and Charles Short. *A Latin Dictionary*. 1879. Reprint, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995.
- Woodcock, E. C. *A New Latin Syntax*. London: Methuen, 1959; London: Bristol, 1996.