

Latin 311: Latin Prose Composition

Course Syllabus

Spring 2007, 11:00-12:22, COLE 058 (Heath Reading Room)

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Office hours: MW 11-11:50 or by appointment. You can also try 11-1 MWR or after 2 all week. I have an open door policy but it's often best to let me know ahead of time if you're going to drop by.

Contact: If you would like to make an appointment or would like help with the class, feel free to get in touch with me by any of the following methods.

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Course objective: The goals of this course are (1) to improve the student's knowledge of Latin grammar and (2) to increase the student's facility at reading Latin.

Course outline: To accomplish the objective above we will go through the exercises in North and Hillard's *Latin Prose Composition*. On Tuesdays we will review grammatical concepts and do exercises; on Fridays students will hand in composition paragraphs.

Academic responsibility: I take the issues of cheating and plagiarism seriously. In order to familiarize yourself with Bucknell's policies and procedures regarding appropriate academic behavior, please read the following site: <http://www.bucknell.edu/x1324.xml/>. It is your responsibility to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct, plagiarism, and other violations of academic responsibility.

Texts: Two texts, one required. You should also have a good English-Latin dictionary.

- North, M.A. and A.E. Hillard. 1999. *Latin Prose Composition*. Newburyport, MA: Focus.

Recommended:

- Mahoney, Anne, ed. 2001. *Allen and Greenough's new Latin grammar for schools and colleges*. Newburyport MA: Focus.

Course expectations: In this is a language course you need to engage in daily intensive study to be successful. I expect you to come to class every day with all assigned work completed.

- **Grammar Review and Participation (20%):** Read the indicated rules and/or pages. If needed, review relevant sections in Allen and Greenough.
- **Chapter Exercises (40%):** Have the indicated exercises completed before class. See schedule for more details.
- **Composition Paragraphs (40%):** Submit electronically the composition paragraph by 4 PM on the Friday following class.

No late work will be accepted, and all exams must be taken on the date scheduled. Letter grades will be assigned according to Bucknell standards. Feel free to ask me at any point in the quarter for an update on your grade.

Schedule of Assignments:

Date	In Class	Paragraph
Jan 23	pp. xi-xix: in-class	none
Jan 30	Read rules 1-4; do exx. 10, 20	Ex. 16
Feb 6	Read rule 5 and pp. 26-27; do exx. 29, 31	Ex. 35
Feb 13	Read rules 5a-8; do exx. 39, 43, 48	Ex. 55
Feb 20	Read p. 48, 50; do exx. 57, 60, 62	Ex. 68
Feb 27	Read rules 9-12; do exx. 71, 74, 77	Ex. 82
Mar 6	Read pp. 69, 70, 72; do exx. 86, 87, 90	Ex. 92
Spring Break		
Mar 20	Read rules 13-15; do exx. 100, 105, 110	Ex. 106
Mar 27	Read rules 16-17 and p. 100; do exx. 113, 129	Ex. 140
Apr 3	Read rules 18-21; do exx. 144, 150, 157	Ex. 158
Apr 10	Read rules 22-24; do exx. 160, 169, 172	Ex. 178
Apr 17	Read rules 25-28 and pp. 164-165; do exx. 193, 205, 213	Ex. 219
Apr 24	Read rules 29-31; do exx. 223, 232, 239	Ex. 246
May 1	Read pp. 196-203	

On the first day we will compose at sight. For the second session specific exercises have been assigned. Please have them completed before class.

For the rest of the term there will generally be three exercise sets assigned per each session. Do the first 4 or 5 sentences in one exercise, and then move on to the next, repeating this procedure until you have gotten through the first few sentences of each exercise set. If you have extra time, go back and finish the rest of the exercises. I doubt we will be able to get through all the sentences in class, but we will try to review as many as possible.

On Fridays after our meetings you are asked to hand in a composition paragraph. Please submit these paragraphs electronically by 4 PM each Friday.