LATIN 101: Fundamentals of Latin I
Spring 2012/MWF 12:50 p.m./OM 310
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General Syllabus

A. Credit

1. If you wish to **major or minor in Latin,** you may use Latin 101 as one of the required courses for the major or minor.
2. You may use Latin 101 for **general elective credit. No previous knowledge of Latin is required or ex-pected.**

NOTE: Latin 101 will not fulfill the Intellectual Perspective (IP) requirement in Foreign Language (FL). If you wish to use Latin to fulfill the FL requirement, you must continue with LAT 102 (Fall 2012) and LAT 201 (Spring 2013). **LAT 201 is the course that fulfills the FL requirement.**

B. Required Text:

R. E. Prior, *The Everything Learning Latin Book*.

You will find it helpful also to own a Latin/English dictionary. A handy, inexpensive choice is *The Collins Gem Latin Dictionary*; however**, any similar dictionary is acceptable.**

C. Scope and Objectives

Latin 101 has two main objectives:

1. To introduce you to the Latin language. The four basic skills of any language—speaking, listening, reading, and writing—will be addressed; however, we will focus most attention on the skill of reading.
2. To help you improve your vocabulary and general language skills.

D. Assessment

The course outcomes will be assessed through the following assignments:

- Exercises to practice new grammatical structures
- Reading of short passages of Latin prose to reinforce familiarity with the structures of Latin
- Recitations based on the assigned exercises and readings
- Short quizzes
- Unit examinations

E. Course Requirements

1. You will be expected to do all of the following:
   - Attend class regularly
   - Prepare all assignments and participate in daily recitations and other activities based on the assign-ments and/or new lessons
   - Take all quizzes and examinations.

2. You will be allowed **no more than three unexcused absences** without penalty. Absences will normally be considered as excused only in cases of scheduled college activities (e.g., field trips, varsity sports) in which you are required to participate, certified illness, or other certified personal emergencies. The pen-alty for excessive unexcused absences will be **an automatic "D"** for the class participation grade

(see below, E1d) for four unexcused absences, and **an automatic "F"** for the class participation grade for five or more unexcused absences.

3. You will be allowed **no unexcused absences** (as defined above) without penalty from quizzes or examina-tions. The penalty for an unexcused absence from a quiz will be **an automatic zero for that quiz.** The penalty for an unexcused absence from an examination will be **an automatic "F" for that examination.** If you have a valid excuse for missing an examination, a make-up will be scheduled. If you have a valid excuse for missing a quiz, either a make-up will be offered, or (at the discretion of the instructor) the missed quiz will not be counted.

   Note carefully: It is your responsibility to supply evidence of an acceptable excuse for any absence. Any such evidence must be resented either before the absence occurs, or on the first day that you return to class following the absence. **Failure to supply such evidence within the stated time frame may cause the absence to be regarded as unexcused.**

4. Unless you present to the instructor, in advance of a class, a written statement indicating an urgent need (e.g., a family or personal medical emergency), **you must during all class sessions turn off or set to message mode all electronic devices that can disrupt the class.**
5. The use of laptop computers is permitted solely for the purpose of taking notes. All other uses during a class session are prohibited.
6. Listening to any **portable audio devices** during a class session is prohibited.
7. You may use a portable device to record class lectures for review. However, **only audio recording is permitted. Both still photography and video recording of class sessions are prohibited.**

   Note carefully: If you violate any of the policies described in items #4-6 above, you will receive a warn-ing for the first violation. **For any subsequent violation, you will be required to leave the class for the remainder of the period and will be charged with an unexcused absence** (see above, D2).

F. Grading

See the separate document on Grading.

G. Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is expected in all graded activities (see A1 in the Grading document). It is always accept-able to study together in the preparation for daily classes and in the preparation for (but not in the actual writ-ing of) the examinations. **Apart from these permitted collaborations, all graded work you submit must be entirely your own.** Evidence of academic dishonesty in any graded activity (e.g., cheating on a quiz or an ex-amination) will normally result in **an automatic "F"** for that activity, and may result in a more severe penalty. **In general, the expectations for academic integrity in this class, and the penalties for any violations thereof, conform to the overall College policy on this matter** (see the academic integrity sections of the 2011-12 editions of Westminster's *Undergraduate Catalog* and *Student Handbook*).