

AP Latin

UC/CSU "e" approved/NCAA approved

Grade Level: 10-12

Estimated Work Outside of Class: 2-3 hrs per week

Course Description:

AP Latin is an all-inclusive course of the Latin language and Roman culture, designed to help students utilize all the knowledge and skills that they have obtained in three full years of reading/translating the language and analyzing complex syntax, grammar, and literary style structure. AP Latin has a very heavy concentration of reading required selections from Caesar's *De Bello Gallico* and Vergil's *Aeneid*. The course focuses on the authors' literary styles, themes, cultural/historical significance, and vocabulary. Cultural components include Homer's *Iliad* and Ovid's *Heroides*.

Students are strongly recommended to take the AP Latin exam in May.

Prerequisite:

Completion of Latin 3 with a C or higher

Recommended Prerequisite Skills:

Students who are interested in enrolling must have a strong interest/passion for the Latin language and Classical culture.

Grammar

- All declension ending
- Reflexive/demonstrative adjectives and pronouns
- All tense endings
- Active/Passive endings
- Indicative/Imperative/Subjunctive moods
- Subordinate clauses: ablative absolutes/relative clauses/ut clauses/cum clauses
- Conditionals and Indirect Statement
- Participles and Infinitives: present/perfect/future (active and passive)

Cultural/History

- Trojan War
- Caesar's military campaigns: Gallic Wars and Civil War
- Fall of Republic/ Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire (Pax Romana)

Reading and Translating

- Students are required to be able to read Latin 3 readings and deconstruct all levels of syntax and sentence structure.
Ex: Translation Ex Caesar: *"His rebus gestis Gallia omnis pacata est. Tanta huius belli ad barbaros opinio perlata est uti ab eis nationibus quae trans Rhenum incolent legati ad Caesarem mitterentur, qui se obsides daturos, imperata facturos esse pollicerentur. Quos legatos Caesar, quod in Italiam properabat, inita proxima aestate ad se reverti iussit."*

"After these things were carried out, all of Gaul was calm. Such a report of this war was brought to the barbarians that ambassadors were sent to Caesar, from the nations which lived across the Rhine, which were promising that they will hand over the hostages and carry out the orders. Caesar, because he was hastening to Italy, ordered the ambassadors to return to him before the next summer began."

Translation Ex Vergil: *"Post Laocoonta ipsum auxilio subeuntem ac tela ferentem serpentes corripunt spirisque ligant ingentibus; et iam bis medium corporis amplexi, bis collo squamea circum terga dati illum superant capite et cervicibus altis. Ille simul manibus tendit divellere nodos perfusus sanie vittas atroque veneno, et clamores simul horrendos ad sidera tollit."*

"After Laocoon himself runs to help and bearing weapons, the serpents seize him and bind him with enormous coils. And now having embraced the middle of this body twice, and twice turned their scaly backs around his neck, they overcome him with their heads and tall necks. At the same time, he stretches to tear apart the knots with his hands, soaking his garlands with blood and black venom, and he lifts his horrendous cries to the stars."

Course Grade Categories:

- Assignments/Projects 45%
- Quizzes/Unit Exams: 35%
- Final Exam: 20%

Major Assessments/Units/Topics:

Assessments:

- Each semester contains 2 unit exams and a final. (Students' Spring final is project-based rather than test-based).
- Students will review current and past vocabulary daily through in-class assignments and quizzes.
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of literary terminologies; styles, themes, tropes, and dactylic hexameter
- Students will write analytical essays
- Students are expected to participate in group discussions, activities, and projects.

AP Latin completes all the required readings set forth by the AP Latin Exam listed below.

Fall Semester:

- Unit 1: Vergil, Aeneid: Book 1: Lines 1-209, 418-440, 494-578
- Unit 2: Caesar, Gallic Wars: Book 1: Chapters 1-7 and Book 6: Chapters 13-20
- Unit 3: Vergil, Aeneid: Book 2: Lines 40-56, 201-249, 268-297, 559-620
- Unit 4: Caesar, Gallic Wars: Book 4: Chapters 24-35 and the first sentence of Chapter 36

Spring Semester:

- Unit 5: Vergil, Aeneid: Book 4: Lines 160-218, 259-361, 659-705
- Unit 6: Caesar, Gallic Wars: Book 5: Chapters 24-37

- Unit 7: Caesar, Gallic Wars: Book 5: Chapters 38-48
- Unit 8: Vergil, Aeneid: Book 6: Lines 295-332, 384-425, 450-476, 847-899

Required reading in translation

Vergil, Aeneid: Books 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12

Caesar, Gallic War: Books 1, 6, 7