

LAT 120/LNG 531: Latin IB

Pronunciation Assignment

Due Date: November 9

Description of Assignment:

While our primary goal in this course is to learn how to translate and understand basic Latin words, phrases, and sentences, a very important secondary goal is to learn how to read Latin words, phrases, and sentences aloud, with correct ecclesiastical pronunciation and syllable accent. In Unit 1, we were introduced to the rules for correct ecclesiastical pronunciation. We were taught how to correctly pronounce each vowel, consonant, diphthong, and consonant combination, and we were taught how to correctly identify the syllable in each word that receives emphasis in our pronunciation. I have compiled these rules on your Latin pronunciation handout. Since then, we have also been practicing our pronunciation and syllable accent as we complete the drills and exercises at the end of each Unit. And we will continue to do throughout the course.

This pronunciation assignment is the main means by which I will assess the extent to which you have gained the ability to read aloud, with correct ecclesiastical pronunciation and syllable accent, Latin words, phrases, and sentences in this course. For this assignment, each student is asked to digitally record himself reading aloud the passage below from the very beginning of St. Augustine's *Confessions*. I am only grading the very final recording that you submit to me. And so you should use the ample time that you have to complete this assignment to practice your pronunciation of this passage over and over again until you feel that you have recorded a good reading of the text. The speed at which you read this passage is not as important to me as the precision with which you pronounce the words. However, if your pronunciation is very slow, filled with multiple, long or unnatural pauses, this will affect your grade. Your final recording should be submitted to me via email and should be submitted no later than 5PM on the date on which it is due. If you have any questions about the assignment, or would like to practice with me before you record your reading, please do let me know.

Passage to be Read Aloud:

magnus es, Domine, et laudābilis valdē: magna virtūs tua et sapientiae tuae nōn est numerus. et laudāre tē vult homō, aliqua portiō creatūrae tuae, et homō circumferēns mortālitātem suam, circumferēns testimōnium peccātī suī et testimōnium, quia superbīs resistis: et tamen laudāre tē vult homō, aliqua portiō creatūrae tuae. tū excitās, ut laudāre tē dēlectet, quia fēcistī nōs ad tē et inquiētum est cor nostrum, dōnec requiescat in tē. dā mihi, Domine, scīre et intellegere, utrum sit prius invocāre tē an laudāre tē et scīre tē prius sit an invocāre tē. sed quis tē invocat nesciēns tē? aliud enim prō aliō potest invocāre nesciēns. an potius invocāris, ut sciāris? quōmodo autem invocābunt, in quem non crēdidērunt? aut quōmodo crēdunt sine praedicante? et laudābunt Dominum quī requīrunt eum. quaerentēs enim inveniunt eum et invenientēs laudābunt eum. quaeram tē, Domine, invocāns tē et invocem tē crēdēns in tē: praedicātus enim es nōbis. invocat tē, Domine, fidēs mea, quam dedistī mihi, quam inspīrāstī mihi per hūmānitātem filiī tuī, per ministerium praedicātōris tuī.