

Intro. to Latin - 2025-2026

Please take a few minutes to review the course syllabus. Upon completion, please indicate that you have read and agree to the terms. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at gdavis@bfcsaz.com to discuss them. The [Family Handbook](#) is available online. I look forward to having your student in Latin this year and am hopeful that they complete the year with a greater understanding and appreciation for the language.

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Conference period in Rm 108; Office hours after school in Rm 129

Class Periods - Room 129 - Period 4; Room 108 - Periods 0, 1, 6; Room 209 - Period 3 Room 132 - Period 5

Course Description

This class is an introduction to Latin, the language of the Romans, and includes a study of the culture and history of Rome. The homework for this class will vary be given virtually every day, always do the homework. Learning any language requires constant practice, and Latin is certainly no exception. The homework for this class shouldn't take too long if you always do it.

Homework quizzes on the class website will assess the quality of your homework. Your weekly homework grade will be a composite of the these quizzes. Students should first do their homework on paper and may use it on the quiz. However outside sources like Google translate should not be needed or used. Consequences for dishonest behavior on these assessments is as follows from the handbook: "Intentional plagiarism and cheating will be dealt with severely including a zero on the assignment, and possibly detention, suspension, removal from extracurricular activities or leadership positions held in the school and, in the case of repeat offenders, expulsion."

Power School & Website

All grades will be posted in Power School by the end of the week following the week the work was assigned. Lesson plans will be posted on my [website](#). The notes/homework for each week, videos for each day, and test review practice quizzes are also on the website. Please check the website regularly. For questions or concerns, please [email](#) me.

Attendance Policy

Daily attendance is vital to success in this class. Please do everything possible to be in class. On days that you must be absent, you are responsible for the work that was missed. You have until the next two-week break to complete the work. Any missed work will be entered as a zero and changed only when made up. Tardy - Being on time means being in your seat with your materials doing the bellwork when the bells rings. Five instances of tardiness to the first class of the day results in after school detention, as does each subsequent instance. Three instances of tardiness to other classes results in after school detention, as does each subsequent instance.

Required Supplies for Class

Please have the following items for this class no later than Monday July 31st:

- 1 Composition book for Bellwork/Classwork
- 1 inch 3-ring binder with 1 divider (Weekly Notes, Handouts)
- Black and red pens (Always have at least one spare of each at school)
- Flashcards: Either purchase a couple pre-made sets on book rings, or purchase 3x5 cards and book rings. Advice: have at least 100 cards, cut in two, on hand always.

Grading

Grade Breakdown:

30% - Participation

30% - Quizzes: Vocabulary and Forms Quizzes

30% - Tests

10% - Homework Quizzes

Semester Grades

Semester 1 80%

Final Exam 20%

Semester 2 80%

Final Exam 20%

Participation

- Participation is your grade based on your behavior in the class.
- Come to class prepared (Always bring your composition book, binder with notes, pens and paper)
- Complete your bell work in a timely fashion (about 5 minutes from when the bell rings)
- Respect your classmates and your teacher.
- Follow the class procedures and rules.
- Come to conference or office hours or both if there is anything that you do not understand.

Quizzes

- We will have weekly quizzes on new vocabulary, forms, and grammar.
- Quizzes will cover information from the previous week. Forms quizzes will be graded on a 100% or zero basis. However, forms quizzes can be retaken until 100% is achieved.
- Vocabulary quizzes are never 100% or zero, but are simply percentage grades.
- Quizzes will be announced in class and posted on the class website.

Tests

There will be a test for every two chapters covering vocabulary, forms, and translations. There will also be periodic reading tests. The final exam will be cumulative for each semester.

Homework

Homework (HW) will be given virtually every day. Your weekly homework grade will be calculated from these scores. HW is graded by means of a Google Form posted on the the class website:

<https://sites.google.com/bfcsaz.com/bfhdsdavis/homework-quizzes> .

You will need to know your school email and login password to access the quizzes.

The deadline for homework will typically be the end of the Wednesday of the week following its assignment, unless otherwise noted. If you are absent from class you can make up homework by the next two-week break. Lesson videos are available on the class YouTube channel, also posted on the class website, to help you if you were absent or would like to review a lesson before doing your homework - <https://sites.google.com/bfcsaz.com/bfhdsdavis/youtube-videos>

Classroom Expectations

- Do be in your seat, with your materials, ready to work, when the bell rings.
- Do be attentive, active, and respectful.
- Do not tear pages out of your binder.
- Do not take your pens or pencils apart.
- Do not interrupt speakers or otherwise disrupt class.
- Do clean up your desk and the surrounding area after class.
- In sum: Do what we are doing.

Academic Honesty

Be aware of your surroundings. If you give me any reason to suspect that you are being dishonest (vocabulary flashcards not put away during a quiz, for example) I must give the assignment a zero. Let your conduct be above reproach.

Behavior

The 'Classroom Expectations' above provide behavior guidelines. If behavior deviates from the expectations, you will be given a warning(s) to correct that behavior. Your discussion grade will be docked for repeated offenses. If the teacher deems that corrective warning(s) have been futile in correcting behavior, or if an act is deemed serious enough, detention after school may be assigned. The matter may also be brought to the attention of the Dean of Students for further review.

Changes

Students will be notified by the instructor of any changes in course requirements or policies.

Method of Instruction

Generally, the method of instruction in the class is direct instruction. I will provide notes weekly which should be stored along with reference handouts in a binder. Material will be introduced, guided practice provided, and then independent practice assigned. Some classes will be more practice oriented, such as when we are translating longer passages. Copious review is provided throughout the semester.

Communication

The class [website](#) is full of useful information. If you have any questions [email me](#).

Acknowledgement - Remember, you must use your student account.

[Sign Off on the Google Form](#)