

Latin Expectations

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You will have fun and learn a great deal in this class. You will have to memorize charts, vocabulary, and grammar rules. When translating, you will have to synthesize these items to find the most success. In addition to translating, you will learn a great deal of history and mythology of the Greeks and Romans. Lastly, you will explore the etymology of English words derived from Latin.

I check my email often enough to respond to your questions in person during the next class or by replying to your email. I want to help you and I am willing to meet with you during prearranged times.

Be respectful of everyone in the classroom. If someone is speaking to or for the class, that person should be the only one who is speaking. Everyone deserves respect. Additionally be respectful of the academic program here. Do your own work and do not share your work with others. Use your brain, not Google. Maintain a high level of academic integrity. PRIDE should be evident every time you are in room 224.

Vocabulary should be studied for **five to twenty minutes per class night**. The vocabulary quizzes are announced in advance and should not be difficult, if you study for them properly. If you are struggling with vocabulary, please see me about a generally successful notecard strategy. **Please do not cram for vocab quizzes.** Although you may have decent quiz scores, you will not retain a sufficient amount of vocabulary to do well on tests and the cumulative exam at the end of the course.

You may only use **pencil** in this class. Come prepared to all classes, especially test days, with a sharpened pencil and eraser. In addition, please double-space all translations (for homework and for tests). By leaving space, you will have room for corrections.

Latin, like many subjects, is cumulative. This means that *everything* that you learn in today's class will be necessary to know for tomorrow's class and **all future Latin classes for the rest of your life**. I hope that you take your studies in Latin rather seriously. If you choose to not work hard in this class, you will not do well.

You will have pop quizzes multiple times per quarter. These quizzes will cover material that you should know at that time. Any material covered in a previous class may be on a pop quiz. The quizzes are not generally worth many points, but do not take them lightly because those points add up as the quarter progresses. The lowest unannounced quiz grade will be dropped each quarter.

Class participation comes in several forms: preparedness, Quizlet and other online activities, board work, class activities, comments/questions in class, etc. Late homework will rarely be accepted. Homework is assigned as a learning tool and will be discussed in class. There will be homework for nearly all classes.

Please take care of your books. If you destroy it or lose a book, you will have to pay for a replacement. Ideally, you will not lose your book.

If/when you are absent, you are responsible for checking to see what assignments you missed. It's also a good idea to check with me to see if you missed any class work that was not posted online. All missed work due to excused absence must be made up in a timely manner. Pop quizzes are not made up; absent students are exempt from unannounced quizzes. Homework must be corrected before it is handed in for a grade.

If a student misses only one day and that day is the day before the test, that student is required to take the test with the rest of the class. If a student misses multiple days before a test, a makeup test may be given to the student if the student returns on test day. It is the **student's responsibility** to communicate clearly (talk and listen) with me about missed work. If you miss class for athletics or another school sponsored activity, you must 1) let me know via email a day in advance that you will be missing part or all of class and 2) makeup any missed work before your next class meeting. Letting a teacher know about a planned absence will allow that teacher to plan lessons appropriately.

This is the basic breakdown of your grades while in **Latin**:

Tests (cumulative) (<i>Q3 CACA project too</i>)	40%
Quizzes (announced)	20%
Quizzes (unannounced)	15%
Homework (and classwork)	15%
Participation	10%

Upon the successful completion of the course the student will be able to...

- See clear connections between English and Latin in both grammar and vocabulary
- Understand the value of a consistent, diligent effort to academic success
- Have a strong grasp of many concepts of English grammar
- Pronounce Latin in the classical manner
- Discuss aspects of ancient Greek and Roman cultures