

**Latin 290**  
**Spring 2007**

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## SYLLABUS

### I. Text

(Required) *Lucretius: Selections from De Rerum Natura*, ed. Bonnie A. Catto.  
Wauconda, Illinois: Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers (1998)

### II. Course Goals

Reading, translation, and discussion of selections from the *De Rerum Natura* of Lucretius, together with reports on cultural topics, are designed to enhance reading proficiency in Latin poetry and to increase familiarity with the literary, historical, and philosophical context of Lucretius' poem.

### III. Course Grade

Two hourly tests	30%
Final examination	20%
Reports	20%
Quizzes	20%
Class participation and homework	10%

### IV. Attendance and Assignment Policies

- Consistent attendance, completion of assignments on time, and participation in class are essential to progress in Latin 290, as in any language course. For this reason, class participation and homework count for 10% of the course grade. Remember that when you are absent from class you can't participate!
- After 4 cuts a student's name will be referred to the Office of Student Services, and the student will be asked to explain the reasons for excessive absences.
- Overdue written assignments and missed reports will be assigned a grade of zero except in special circumstances.
- Make-up tests will be given only upon receipt of a letter from a doctor or otherwise under exceptional circumstances.
- The Moravian College Policy on Academic Honesty governs all aspects of participation in Latin 290. Study with others is strongly encouraged, but plagiarism is likely to result in an F for the course.
- The instructor hereby urges you to seek him out before class, after class, and during office hours for any help that he can give. You are his reason for teaching. **Carpe diem!**

**IV. Assignments\* – Latin 290 (Lucretius) – Spring 2007**

T 1/16 Introduction  
Th 1/18 Pp. ix-xx (top) and pp 3-9 (verses 1-30)

T 1/23 Quiz. Pp 9-13 (verses 31-61)  
Th 1/25 Report. Pp. 13-21 (verses 62-101)

T 1/30 Quiz. Pp. 23-33 (verses 102-236)  
Th 2/1 Report. Pp. 35-41 (verses 250-297)

T 2/6 Quiz. Pp. 43-53 (verses 298-409)  
Th 2/8 Report. Pp. 55-61 (verses 419-576)

T 2/13 Quiz. Pp. 63-71 (verses 921-983)  
Th 2/15 Report. Pp 73-81 (verses I. 1021 - II. 33)

T 2/20 TEST  
Th 2/22 Pp. 83-89 (verses 37-89)

T 2/27 Quiz. Pp. 91-99 (verses 216-332)  
Th 3/1 Report. Pp. 109-115 (verses 646-1022)

T 3/6 } SPRING  
Th 3/8 } BREAK

T 3/13 Quiz. Pp. 117-127 (versus 1023-1076)  
Th 3/15 Report. Pp. 133-137 (verses 1-30)

T 3/20 Quiz. Pp. 139-149 (verses 37-349)  
Th 3/22 Report. Pp. 151-159 (verses 830-930)

T 3/27 Quiz. Pp. 161-171 (verses 931-1002)  
Th 3/29 Report. Pp. 177-185 (verses 1058-1179)

T 4/3 TEST  
Th 4/5 Pp. 187-195 (verses IV. 1278 - V. 51)

F 4/6 } EASTER  
M 4/9 } BREAK

T 4/10 Quiz. Pp. 197-207 (verses 64-234)  
Th 4/12 Report. Pp. 213-223 (verses 432-972)

T 4/17 Quiz. Pp. 225-233 (verses 1011-1203)  
Th 4/19 Report. Pp. 235-243 (verses 1392-1457)

T 4/24 Pp. 245-247 (verses 58-78)  
Th 4/26 Pp. 249-255 (verses 1090-1286)

Friday 4/27 Last day of classes  
Monday 4/30 - Friday 5/4 Final Exams  
Saturday 5/12 Commencement

\* Page numbers refer to Lucretius: Selections from De Rerum Natura, ed. Bonnie A. Catto (1998)