

Elementary Latin 100
Moravian College
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Text: Susan C. Shelmerdine. *Introduction to Latin*. Revised First Edition
Focus Publishing, R. Pullins Co., Newbury, MA.
Apuleius, *The Golden Ass*, translated by Robert Graves. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, NY.
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Course Description and Goals

Latin 100 is offered as an introduction to the classical world of the Romans through study of their language and culture. Our goal is to make students proficient enough to take the first steps into the Latin language and to prepare them eventually to explore more deeply the fascinating Roman culture and literature. In this course you will discover that Latin was and remains very much a lived language. You'll also find that an understanding of Latin vocabulary, and the work you invest in figuring out how the Romans expressed themselves through language, will give you intellectual tools that you can use to great advantage in your future academic and professional endeavors...whether these be in law or science and technology, history, language, literature, religion, or the fine arts. (Nearly all the foregoing terms are derived from Latin...no coincidence that.)

Overview of the Course

Latin is not a hard language to learn if you keep up with all the assignments and memorize the vocabulary and word forms as they're introduced. If you fall behind, however, then you'll have to work many times harder just to catch up. So I require you to attend class regularly with assignments completed (after 3 absences you'll start losing 2 points off your course grade for each subsequent class missed).

Use these classes to your advantage; participate and work out whatever you might be uncertain about. Don't be afraid of asking questions or making mistakes. I wouldn't expect you already to have a mastery of all the material until after we've worked through it in class. Do make sure, though, that you've spent the time needed to memorize the verb/noun forms as we proceed. We'll drill those in class, but there's only so much that drilling can achieve unless you already learned them fairly well in advance of class. You need to know those forms cold, and I can give you tips on how to learn them more easily. As much as possible, during classtime I'll concentrate on helping you to understand the way Latin sentences work, comparing Latin and English grammar, and exploring techniques of translation.

We'll also look at Roman culture by reading and discussing the ancient Latin novel *The Golden Ass* by the north African author Apuleius. You'll find this an extremely vivid window into the Roman world and Roman ways of thinking about their society.

Grading

Your final grade will be based on attendance (3 missed classes maximum are allowed without penalty), class participation, and homework (20%); 5 short bi-weekly exams (6% each, 30% total), a midterm exam (20%), and a cumulative final exam (30%). If you have a verified reason for missing an exam, I'll allow you to make it up within one week. Otherwise a missed exam will be graded as an "F".

Students with Disabilities

Students who wish to request accommodations in this class for a disability should contact Elaine Mara, assistant director of learning services for academic and disability support at 1307 Main Street, or by calling 610-861-1510. Accommodations cannot be provided until authorization is received from the Academic Support Center.

Class Schedule

You should learn each chapter's vocabulary for the first class on that chapter. The schedule or readings uses the following 3 abbreviations:

Ch. = Chapter, § = paragraph number(s) within the chapter, Ex. = Exercise numbers

Aug. 27	Introduction, pronouncing Latin, vowels, syllables
Aug. 29	Ch. 1 §1-7
Aug. 31	Ch. 1 Ex. 1; 2.1-5 (exercise 2, numbers 1 through 5); 3
Sep. 3	Labor Day holiday
Sep. 5	Ch. 2 § 8a-13b with Ex. 5; 6; 7; 9; 10
Sep. 7	Ch. 2 § 14-15 with Ex. 8; 11.1-2, 4; 12.1-3; 13; 14.1-6 EXAM ONE
Sep. 10	Ch. 3 § 16-19 with Ex. 15; 16; 17
Sep. 12	Ch. 3 Ex. 18; 19; 20; 21.2-4
Sep. 14	Ch. 3 Narrative B (page 25); The Golden Ass chapters 1-2
Sep. 17	Ch. 4 § 20-24 with Ex. 22; 23; 24; 25.1-2, 8
Sep. 19	Ch. 5 § 25-28 with Ex. 28; 29; 30.1-3; 31.1, 5
Sep. 21	Ch. 5 § 29-30 with Ex. 31.2, 4, 6; 32 EXAM TWO

- Sep. 24 Readings 2 and 3 (page 39); Reading Chapter 1 (page 41);
The Golden Ass chapters 3-4
- Sep. 26 Ch. 6 § 31-34 with Ex. 34.1-5; 35; 36.1-4
- Sep. 28 Ch. 6 Ex. 36.5-10; 37.1, 2, 6, 7; Reading 4
- Oct. 1 Ch. 7 § 35 (and p. 58) with Ex. 38; 39; 40;
The Golden Ass chapters 5-6
- Oct. 3 Ch. 7 § 36-37 with Ex. 42; 43; 44.1-5; 45.1-2, 6-7; Reading 5
- Oct. 5 EXAM THREE (MIDTERM)
- Fall Recess
- Oct. 10 Ch. 8 § 38-39 with Ex. 46; 47; 48
- Oct. 12 Ch. 8 § 40-41 with Ex. 49; 50.2-4; Reading 6
- Oct. 15 Ch. 9 § 42 with Ex. 51; 52; 54.4-5, 7-8; Reading 7 (p. 63)
- Oct. 17 Ch. 9 § 43 with Ex. 53; 54.1-3, 9-10; 55.1-2; Reading 8
- Oct. 19 Ch. 9 Reading 9; The Golden Ass chapters 7-9
EXAM FOUR
- Oct. 22 Ch. 10 § 44-45 with Ex. 56; Reading 10
- Oct. 24 Ch. 10 § 46 with Ex. 57; 58; 59.1-5, 8-10; 60.7; Reading 11
- Oct. 26 Reading Chapter II (pages 79-81); Golden Ass chapters 10-11
- Oct. 29 Ch. 11 § 47-49 with Ex. 61; 62; 64.1-4, 10; Reading 13
- Oct. 31 Ch. 11 § 50 with Ex. 63; 64.5-9; Reading 12
- Nov. 2 Ch. 11 Ex. 65.2-3, 5, 9; The Golden Ass chapter 12
EXAM FIVE

- Nov. 5 Ch. 12 § 51 with Ex. 66; 67; 68.1-3, 6-9
- Nov. 7 Ch. 12 § 52 with Ex. 69; 70.3-5, 8; Reading 14
- Nov. 9 Ch. 13 § 53-54 with Ex. 71; 72; 73
- Nov. 12 Ch. 13 §55-57 with Ex. 74.4-6; 76.1, 3-4, 6-9; 77.5; Reading 15
- Nov. 14 Ch. 14 § 58-60 with Ex. 78; 79; 80; 81.5-8
- Nov. 16 Ch. 14 Ex. 81.1-4, 9-10; 82.3, 6; Reading 16
- Nov. 19 The Golden Ass chapters 13-15; EXAM SIX
- Thanksgiving Recess
- Nov. 26 Ch. 15 § 61-62 with Ex. 83; 84; 85.1-6
- Nov. 28 Ch. 15 § 63-64 with Ex. 86; 87.1-4; 88; 89
- Nov. 30 Ch. 16 § 65 with Ex. 91; 92; The Golden Ass chapters 16-19
- Dec. 3 Ch. 16 § 66-67 with Ex. 93; 94; 95; 96; 97
- Dec. 5 Ch. 16 Readings 17 and 18
- Dec. 7 Review

FINAL EXAM – Date to be scheduled between Dec. 10 and 15