about this course

Two key elements distinguish this course from most others.

First, students advance at their own pace, as they demonstrate mastery of the material.

Second, and related to the first, is that there is thus no mark for participation or homework in the traditional sense, and there are no midterm or final exams.

To pass the course, students must instead engage with the material in their reading journals, successfully complete a series of challenges, and compose a brief story at the end of the term.

Points are distributed as follows:

- reading journal: 150 points
- challenges: 225 points
- composition: 125 points
- course total: 500 points

Our approach to each chapter will consist of the same three steps. First, students will complete a series of tasks as explained in the course Moodle site. Second, upon completion of those tasks, students will be placed into groups (workshop) with peers who have completed the same chapter’s tasks to read together and work with the instructor. Third, when students are ready, they will take the chapter’s challenge. If they earn a mark of 13 points (86%) or above, they may move on to the next chapter. If not, they may retake the challenge twice.

course goals: students will

- master course content
- engage with Roman culture
- read and write in Latin
- apply skills in other contexts
- improve their English grammar
- expand their vocabulary

Required Texts

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A sense of how the work for each chapter flows and how the course components are related to one another.

On a very basic level, this course is designed to help you succeed. We all learn at different paces and through different approaches.

This step-by-step design allows you to customize your learning experience, provides you with a wealth of resources, and helps to foster life-long skills.

The chart to the right gives you an understanding of how the work for each chapter flows and how the course components are related to one another.

These tasks will require and encourage you to engage with the text, listen to podcasts, evaluate your understanding, learn about Roman culture, and synthesize material.

You must complete all of the tasks for a chapter if you wish to work on that chapter in the next class meeting.

In addition to completing the chapter tasks in Moodle, you should always come to class with several questions.

In each chapter, there are tasks for a chapter if you wish to work on that chapter in the next class meeting.

The instructor and peer mentor will circulate constantly to answer questions, help with challenging passages, and support your learning in any other ways possible.

In addition to completing the chapter tasks in Moodle, you should always come to class with several questions.

Challenges may only be taken in class. There are no exceptions to this, so always plan accordingly.

To recap, there are some important differences between this course and others you may have taken. Be sure that you understand the following:

- You must complete each and every chapter and chapter challenge to pass the course.
- Your final grade will be determined by how many points you have accumulated out of the 500 point course total.
- You cannot participate in a new chapter’s workshop until you have completed the corresponding tasks on Moodle, which must be submitted by 5:00am on the class day that you intend to be in the workshop.
- You may retake a challenge twice after the initial attempt.
- A challenge may be taken in class and only in class.

This course fulfills the University civilization requirement and counts toward the Classical Studies and Italian Studies minors.

If you take this course and Latin 122, you only need three more courses to complete a minor in Classical Studies!