

LATIN

WHY STUDY LATIN?

The Romans left literature of enduring importance in poetry, drama, satire, history and philosophy.

Studying Latin allows you to read this literature in its original form, gaining a deeper understanding of Roman culture and many modern languages, including English.

For 1500 years, Latin was the principle international language of Europe. Latin is present in our modern world; phrases like 'carpe diem' and 'quid pro quo' are part of our modern vocabulary.

Learn Latin to develop a rich knowledge of Roman history, Latin literature, and cultures around the world.

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

The study of Latin improves your attention to detail, written communication, and analytical skills, which can be applicable to a wide range of careers. Our graduates have moved on to careers in journalism, teaching, public relations and human resources.



“Latin was the language of the Romans, the foundation of many European languages, and a language that spread around the globe. Reading ancient works as they were originally written lets you enjoy these texts in a deeper, unmediated way.”

“We offer introductory courses in language acquisition, followed by advancing courses in which you read original Latin texts, and get a chance to practice speaking and engaging with Latin in a range of creative ways.”

Lisa Bailey

Associate Professor



WHAT CAN I STUDY?

By studying Latin you not only learn the language, but also ways in which to analyse and describe language. You will learn to read Roman literature and understand Roman culture. Beginners can learn Latin from scratch and students who have studied Latin at school can apply to enter Latin at Stage II. At Stage I there is a comprehensive programme of language learning before you embark on the study of literature and intermediate language at Stage II.

Get excited about your course options:



Stage 1 Course*

LATIN 100 - Introduction to Latin Language 1

Develop a working knowledge of Latin, including principles of word formation and sentence structure. Students engage in translation accompanied by introductory literary analysis. This course also contextualises the Latin language historically, to outline the times and places in which Latin has been used.

Stage 2 Course*

LATIN 200 – Latin Language Acquisition: Intermediate

Learn advanced Latin grammatical constructions and further important Latin vocabulary. Students will have chances to practice skills with reading, writing, translating, and listening to Latin, all of which will strengthen students' grasp of the language and understanding of Roman culture throughout history.

Stage 3 Course*

LATIN 301 – Latin Literary Texts 3A

In this course, students study works of Latin literature and ancient sources in the original language. This gives students a deep understanding of Latin style and modes of communication. The topics vary each year, and have included courses on Latin epic, satire, love poetry, comedy, and letters. Students learn to situate the texts in their social and historical context, be it in the world of Republican Rome, the Roman empire, or later periods such as the Medieval world.

Courses you could study*

Introduction to Latin Language 1

Introduction to Latin Language 2

Ancient Greek History

Complementary majors include:

Latin



Anthropology

Classical Studies and Ancient History

Drama

English

European Studies

Linguistics



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