

Erasmus Academy Summer Language Program 2020

Classical Latin Online
May 18 – July 9, 2020 (8 weeks)

Instructor: Dr. Ben DeSmidt

Purpose

This intensive course is designed for graduate students preparing to take the Latin proficiency exams for masters and PhD programs, and for any other college student, adult or motivated high school student desiring to read in the language. It provides a thorough presentation of Latin grammar and introduces the student to expository prose, with the emphasis on reading and translation. No previous knowledge of the language is required. The objective of the course, approximating a full year of university instruction, is to bring the student to an intermediate reading level, enabling him or her to read Classical Latin and to be prepared to enroll in a college second year Latin course.

Course Structure

As a distance learning course, students may take this class from any location or from the convenience of their home. They will need to have access to the Internet. The course meets in “real time” and participants are expected to attend all the scheduled sessions. Each student participates fully in each class by listening and speaking, translating and posing questions. Assignments are emailed to the Instructor. The 8-week course meets two times a week (Mondays and Thursdays), 6:15pm-9:15pm EST; it comprises 48 hours of instruction. Each 3-hour session includes grammar, strategies for analyzing Latin sentences, vocabulary & verb review, sight-reading, and quizzes. Presuming 4 hours of outside preparation for each hour in class, 30 hours (6 + 24) a week should be available for study.

Required Textbook

Wheelock's Latin. Frederic M. Wheelock. Revised by Richard A. LaFleur. 6th edition. Harper Collins Publishers. 2005. ISBN: 0-06-078371-0

Background of Instructor

Dr. Ben DeSmidt completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Chicago, during which he studied one year at the University of Bristol, UK. He has a Ph.D. from Columbia University (NY) in Classics, where he served as a TA, teaching various levels of Greek and Latin. He is the Chair of the Classics Department at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and teaches a wide range of Latin and Greek courses, and classes in Classical Civilizations. Dr. DeSmidt has taught the online summer Latin course with Erasmus for six years.

Registration, Course Fee and Refund Policy

The fee for Summer Latin Online is \$1050, payable in full to the Erasmus Academy no later than May 1, 2020. To reserve a place in the course, an enrollment form and a non-refundable deposit of \$75 must be submitted to the Admissions Office of the Erasmus

Academy NY anytime between Nov. 1, 2019 and May 1, '20. Early application is recommended due to space availability. The maximum number of students in this online course is 20. There are "Early Bird" registration options: if full payment is made by February 15, 2020, the fee for the course is \$850. If full payment is made by March 15, '20, the course fee is \$900; and by April 15, '20, the course fee is \$950. Students may make payments and register online, at the website below. To complete the Enrollment Form, please download it, fill out, scan and return it by email attachment. If, after the first two weeks of classes, a student wishes to discontinue the Latin course, a letter to this effect must be received by the Erasmus Academy Office by 4:00pm on Friday, May 29, 2020. Thereupon, a refund of the entire course fee paid, less \$75, will be returned to the student. There are no refunds after May 29, 2020.

Registration Deadline: May 1, 2020

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You may also register and make payments online:
www.erasmusacademy.com