

Erasmus Academy Summer Language Program 2021

Classical Latin Online
May 24 – July 15, 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 Professor Emeritus of the Classics Department at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he taught 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 eight years.

Registration, Course Fee and Refund Policy

The fee per course is \$1250. Please complete the Application for Enrollment form above and submit it, together with the non-refundable deposit of \$75, by May 1, 2021. This reserves for you a place in the course. You may download this Application for

Enrollment form, complete, scan and return by email attachment as indicated below. Payments are made online, on the website. The balance of \$1175 is due by May 10, 2021, two weeks prior to the first class, on May 24, '21. There are "Early Bird" registration options. If the full payment is made by February 15, 2021, the total fee for the course is \$1050. If full payment is made by March 15, 2021, the course fee is \$1100. If full payment is made by April 15, 2020, the course fee is \$1150. Thereafter the normal course fee of \$1250 applies. These options are found on the website's Online Store, Refund Policy: If, after the first two weeks, a student wishes to discontinue a course, a letter to this effect must be received by the Erasmus Academy Office (via the email below) by 4:00 pm ET on Friday, June 4, 2021. Thereupon, a refund of the total amount paid less the non-refundable deposit of \$75 will be returned to the student. There are no refunds after June 4, 2021.

Registration Deadline: May 1, 2021

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