

A LEVEL

LATIN

WHAT IS LATIN?

Latin is the dead language that was spoken and written by the Romans two millennia ago. This course develops advanced competence in Latin language skills alongside a sensitive and analytical approach to Latin literature. The texts studied include Ovid's love poetry, Virgil's epic heroes, Apuleius' prototype for Beauty and the Beast, Caesar's bloodthirsty conquests and Cicero's oratory.

WHY STUDENTS CHOOSE THIS COURSE

Few subjects are more inherently fascinating than the unnervingly relatable Romans, our students understand that university admissions tutors and FTSE 100 companies love successful Latinists. The opportunity to study a society in its entirety via the original language is an almost unique offering. Rapidly changing employability requirements and opportunities mean that rather than what you know the key is instead how well you can assimilate and manipulate new information to reach answers and solve only recently acknowledged problems. Study of Latin makes its students socially accepting and more academically flexible. At the same time, it also cultivates the ability to see to the heart of what is important and what can be ignored.

WHAT STUDENTS CAN DO WITH THIS COURSE

Graduates with Latin are secure in the knowledge that their discipline develops many of the transferable qualities which employers are looking

for – intellectual rigour, communication skills, analytical skills, the ability to handle complex information and, above all, a breadth of view. Classicists enjoy an enormous variety of careers, the most popular being Financial Work (29%), Buying / Marketing / Selling (17%), and Administration / Operational Management (14%) (figures from the Universities' Statistical Record). Or, like the linguistic classicist Boris Johnson, you could become Prime Minister.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All our course entry requirements are detailed in the Entry Requirements document located in the admissions section of our website.

HOW THIS COURSE IS ASSESSED

All written exam papers:

Unseen Translation

105 mins 100 marks (33%)

Prose Composition or Comprehension

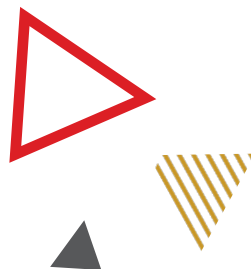
75 mins 50 mark (17%)

Prose Literature

120 mins 75 marks (25%)

Verse Literature

120 mins 75 marks (25%)



WHAT THE COURSE COVERS

Unit 1 and 2: Latin Language

Learners build their knowledge of vocabulary and linguistic structures through reading and studying prose and verse texts in Latin. Learners study texts written by a range of prose authors and the verse unseen author to develop linguistic competence.

Unit 3 and 4: Latin Literature

Learners study two Latin Prose Literature set texts in depth and two Latin Verse Literature sets texts in depth. Learners also study additional literature in translation in order to understand the context from which the set texts have been taken.

We also offer AS Latin as an alternative for those who do not want to commit to the full A level course over two years.

THE COMPLETE SPECIFICATION CAN BE VIEWED ON THE OCR WEBSITE:

WWW.OCR.ORG.UK/IMAGES/220734-SPECIFICATION-ACCREDITED-A-LEVEL-GCE-LATIN-H443.PDF

FURTHER READING

- Robert Harris 'Imperium' Trilogy
- Elodie Harper 'The Wolf Den'
- Robert Graves 'I Claudius'
- Tom Holland 'Rubicon'
- Mary Beard 'SPQR'
- Ovid 'Metamorphoses'
- Caesar 'Gallic Wars'
- Omnibus Magazine <https://archive.org/details/omnibusmagazine>



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