LAT 1120: Beginning Latin 1 (Section 6561)
T 5:10-6:00 P.M. (10th period), R 5:10-7:05 P.M. (10th-11th periods), Fall 2008
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Required Textbooks
Anne Groton and James May, Latin Stories (1986).

Objective
The purpose of this course is for students to learn Latin. This will include studying Latin grammar and vocabulary and reading Latin sentences. With these foundations students will acquire the skills necessary to continue to the next level of the beginning Latin sequence, and eventually to read Latin authors in the original.

Course Activities
Assignments requiring memorization, comprehension, translation, and composition will be given on a daily basis. These assignments will be reinforced in the classroom by teaching, discussion, and review.

Preparation
Learning Latin is a step-by-step process which cannot be accomplished by cramming before tests. Each student MUST NOT fall behind if he/she hopes to succeed. Therefore, all assignments are due at the beginning of class, no exceptions. Lack of preparation for class, in addition to seriously undermining your knowledge of Latin and your ability to do well in the course, will affect your final grade negatively, especially in borderline situations. On the other hand, consistent preparation and enthusiastic participation will affect your final grade positively.

Honesty
All students are responsible for knowing and obeying the student honor code, which can be found in the UF undergraduate catalog on-line: http://www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/academic.php

Student honor code: On all work submitted for credit by students at the university, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.”

Consequences of cheating: Cheating in any form is a fundamental violation of education. Therefore, any cheating will be dealt with according to the procedures set forth by the Dean of Students Office. Please review them here: http://www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/procedures/academicguide.php

To be clear, cheating includes, but is not limited to representing as one's own any work that was actually the work another student, providing work for which another student will receive credit, copying another student's answers on a test or quiz, or downloading homework or any other assignment from the internet and representing it as your own work.

For more information, please read the university catalogue:
http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/students.html#honesty

Disability Resource Center
All pertinent information can be found at http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/
Grading

30% Quizzes
10% Attendance (0 absences = 100%; 1 absence = 97%; 2 absences = 94%, etc.)
10% Homework
30% 2 Exams (September 25, October 30)
20% Final Exam (Monday, Dec. 15, 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.)

A = 90-100
B+ = 87-89.9
B = 80-86.9
C+ = 77-79.9
C = 70-76.9
D+ = 67-69.9
D = 60-66.9
F = 0-59.9

Quizzes
Quizzes will be announced and unannounced, at the instructor’s discretion. A quiz can be given any day over any material, even the material covered in the homework for that day. Quizzes will generally be administered at the beginning of the class. Anyone who arrives late or is absent on a quiz day will receive a zero for that quiz. All quizzes are designed to oblige students to learn the material as the course progresses. Thus, those students who work diligently on a day-to-day basis will be rewarded not only with good grades on their quizzes, but with shorter and easier study times for their tests.

Absentee Policy
In order to participate and to learn Latin you must be physically present. Neither homework, nor quizzes, nor tests can be made up for unexcused absences or for coming to class late; a zero will be recorded for those grades. In addition, 10% of the course grade is determined by number of absences. Each absence results in a three (3) point deduction from this grade, starting with 100%. Thus, 0 absences = 100%; 1 absence = 97%; 2 absences = 94%, etc.

For UF’s policies on attendance, see:
http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationattendance.html

Homework
All homework must be completed punctually. The projected homework assignments for each day may be found on the schedule. All homework assignments are, however, subject to change.

Exams
By nature every test in a foreign language class must be comprehensive. The first two regular-term exams will cover all Latin vocabulary and syntax covered in the course to date, with special emphasis on the chapters covered since the last exam. The final exam will be on Monday, Dec. 15, 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. The date and time of the final exam, as listed on the University of Florida course catalog, is non-negotiable.

Extra Credit
No extra credit will be offered.