LATIN (LATN)

LATN 101 Elementary Latin I
An introduction to the Latin language for beginners. Students begin learning grammar and vocabulary, with practical exercises in reading and writing. By the end of the course students will be able to read and analyze simple Latin texts, including selected Roman inscriptions in the Penn Museum.

For BA Students: Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

LATN 102 Elementary Latin II
Prerequisite(s): LATN 101 or equivalent. Completes the introduction to the Latin language begun in 101. By the end of the course students will have a complete working knowledge of Latin grammar, a growing vocabulary, and experience in reading simple continuous texts.

For BA Students: Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisites: LATN 101 or equivalent.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

LATN 112 Intensive Elementary Latin
An accelerated introduction to the Latin language for beginners, equivalent in scope to the first year of Latin (LATN 101+LATN 102). Ideal for students with some background in learning languages, or who need to learn Latin rapidly. Students begin learning grammar and vocabulary, with practical exercises in reading and writing. By the end of the course students will have a complete working knowledge of Latin grammar, a growing vocabulary, and experience in reading selected inscriptions in the Penn Museum and simple continuous texts.

For BA Students: Language Course
Course usually offered summer term only
Activity: Seminar
2 Course Units

LATN 203 Intermediate Latin Prose
Prerequisite(s): LATN 102 or equivalent (such as placement score of 550). Introduction to continuous reading of unadapted works by Latin authors in prose (e.g., Cornelius Nepos, Cicero, Pliny), in combination with a thorough review of Latin grammar. By the end of the course students will have thorough familiarity with the grammar, vocabulary, and style of the selected authors, will be able to tackle previously unseen passages by them, and will be able to discuss questions of language and interpretation.

For BA Students: Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisites: LATN 102 or equivalent.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

LATN 204 Intermediate Latin Poetry
Prerequisite(s): LATN 203 or equivalent (such as placement score of 600). Continuous reading of several Latin authors in poetry (e.g., Ovid, Virgil, Horace) as well as some more complex prose, in combination with ongoing review of Latin grammar. By the end of the course students will have thorough familiarity with the grammar, vocabulary, and style of the selected authors, will be able to tackle previously unseen passages by them, and will be able to discuss language and interpretation. Note: Completion of Latin 204 with C- or higher fulfills Penn’s Foreign Language Requirement.

For BA Students: Last Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisites: LATN 203 or equivalent.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

LATN 212 Intensive Intermediate Latin
Prerequisite(s): LATN 102 or equivalent (such as placement score of 550). Accelerated introduction to reading of Latin authors, at twice the normal pace, equivalent in scope to second-year Latin (LATN 203+LATN 204). Ideal for undergraduates or graduate students from Penn or elsewhere who have completed the equivalent of one year Greek (e.g., GREK 112).

Readings in simpler prose and poetry (e.g., Cornelius Nepos, Ovid), then in more challenging prose and poetry (e.g., Cicero, Pliny, Virgil, Horace), in combination with a thorough review of Latin grammar. By the end of the course students will have thorough familiarity with the grammar, vocabulary, and style of the selected authors, will be able to tackle previously unseen passages by them, and will be able to discuss language and interpretation. Note: Completion of Latin 212 with C- or higher fulfills Penn’s Foreign Language Requirement.

For BA Students: Last Language Course
Course usually offered summer term only
Activity: Seminar
2 Course Units

LATN 209 Topics in Latin Literature
This course is for those who have completed Latin 204, Latin 212, or equivalent (such as placement score of 650, or AP score of 4 or 5). Close reading and discussion of a Latin author or a particular genre of Latin literature. Topics will vary each semester, and the course may be repeated for credit. Assignments will include syntactic and literary analysis on a daily basis, a midterm, a paper, and a final exam.

One-term course offered either term
Prerequisites: Reading knowledge of Latin or permission of instructor.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

LATN 309 Supervised Study in Latin Literature
This course is taken by students doing independent work with a faculty advisor, such as students approved to work on a senior research paper in pursuit of honors in the major.

One-term course offered either term
Activity: Independent Study
1 Course Unit

LATN 401 Latin for Advanced Students
For graduate students in other departments needing individualized study in Latin literature.

For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
One-term course offered either term
Activity: Independent Study
1 Course Unit
LATN 540 The Latin Text: Language and Style
What do we need to read texts in Latin? In these courses we read just one prose text and one poetic text, or a very limited number of texts and passages, with a focus on language and formal analysis (such as diction, grammar, stylistics, metrics, rhetoric, textual criticism). A range of exercises will be used to develop this, including composition, lexical studies, recitation, memorization, exegesis, written close-readings, and sight-translation.
Course not offered every year
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

LATN 541 Latin Literary History
In this course we survey an extensive range of readings in a variety of authors in both prose and poetry, and consider the problems and opportunities involved in literary history.
Course not offered every year
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

LATN 600 Graduate Latin Seminar
Topics will vary
One-term course offered either term
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

LATN 999 Independent Study
For doctoral candidates.
One-term course offered either term
Activity: Independent Study
1 Course Unit