

LATIN I

I. Course Description

This course is designed to help the students gain a better knowledge of English grammar and vocabulary through the study of Latin. This course will include the study of Latin grammar, pronunciation, and vocabulary at the introductory level.

II. Goals and Objectives

- A. Gain an understanding of Latin grammar and its similarities and applications to the English language
- B. Gain an understanding of Latin vocabulary and English derivatives
- C. Gain an understanding of Latin pronunciation

III. Course Outline

- A. Review English grammar; introduction to Latin grammar; pronunciation; parts of speech; syntax; derivatives. Reading: "The Lord's Prayer"
- B. Nouns: declension, case, gender; first declension; nominative case; subjects and predicate nominatives. Reading: "Pledge of Allegiance"
- C. Verbs: mood, voice, tense, person, number; conjugations; principle parts of a verb; first conjugation; present tense; direct object; accusative case. Reading: song – "America"
- D. The verb 'to be' (*sum*); uses of *sum*; interrogative sentences; prepositions; ablative of place where; map of Europe. Reading: "O Come All Ye Faithful"
- E. The second declension, masculine; possession; genitive case. Reading: "The Christmas Story" (Part 1)
- F. The second declension, neuter; more about prepositions; accusative place to which; ablative place from which; prefixes. Reading: "The Christmas Story" (Part 2)
- G. Adjectives: uses, agreement, position; adjectives used as nouns. Reading: "The Christmas Story" (Part 3)
- H. Imperfect tense; future tense; Roman calendar. Reading: song – "To Us Is Born Emanuel"
- I. Adjectives ending in *-er*; indirect object; dative case; more prefixes. Reading: "The Ten Commandments (Part 1)"
- J. Imperfect and future tenses of *sum*; ablative of means (instrument); ablative of accompaniment; vocabulary with military meanings. Reading: "The Ten Commandments (Part 2)"
- K. Adverbs; interrogative particles; U.S. mottoes in Latin. Reading: "The Ten Commandments (Part 3)"
- L. The perfect tense; stems and personal endings. Reading: song – "The Star-Spangled Banner"
- M. The pluperfect tense; the future perfect tense; synopsis; adjective prefixes; suffixes. Reading: song – "God Bless America"
- N. Imperative mood; noun of direct address; vocative case; ablative of manner; Roman names. Reading: "Psalm 1"

IV. Instructional Material – Beers, Barbara, The Latin Road to English Grammar, Volume 1, Redding, CA, Schola Publications, 1993

V. Teaching Methods

- A. Cooperative class meeting three times per week
- B. Home study
- C. Worksheets
- D. English – Latin notebook

VI. Evaluation

- A. Exams
- B. Worksheets
- C. English – Latin notebook
- D. Class participation
- E. Final exam

VII. Grading Scale:

- 90-100% =A
- 80-89% =B
- 70-79% =C
- 60-69% =D
- Below 60% =F