

Lingua Latina I

Intermediate Latin Course

Yearlong 2019/20



*Nec levis ingenuas pectus coluisse per artes
Cura sit et linguas dedidicisse duas.*

“Take care to cultivate the heart through diligent study
And to learn the two languages.”

Ovidius, *Ars Amatoria*, II.121-2



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1. ELIGIBILITY

Grades 7-9; 10th-12th graders welcome. This course is designed for students who wish to spend a year building their fluency in Latin following the Natural Method before progressing on to the next level of the *Latin Alive!* series. The course is especially aimed at *Latin Alive!* I graduates of mid-high ability and *Latin Alive!* II graduates of low-mid ability. Additionally, very able graduates of the *Latin for Children* series are also invited to attend, upon successful completion of a placement assessment.

Please note: This course is the equivalent of one high school credit in foreign language.

Class Dates: Monday 2nd September 2019 – Wednesday 20th May 2020

Class Times: Mondays, Wednesdays 12:30-1:45 EST

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2. SCHEDULE

Classes will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays 12:30-1:45 EST for 32 weeks and 64 classes on the following dates*

September	2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30	(9)
October	2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30	(9)
November	4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, [Thanksgiving Break]	(6)
December	2, 4, 9, 11, [Christmas Break]	(4)
January	[Christmas Break] 6, 8, 13, 15, [End 1 st Semester] 20, 22, 27, 29	(8)
February	3, 5, 10, 12, [Winter Break] 24, 26	(6)
March	2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30	(9)
April	1, [Holy Week] 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29	(7)
May	4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, [End 2 nd Semester]	(6)

**Please note the above dates and times are the anticipated class sessions for this course. However, all dates are subject to change as the instructor's circumstances might dictate (e.g. illness, family emergency). Any classes canceled by the instructor will be made up at an alternate time designated by the instructor.*

3. COURSE MAP

20 (out of a total 35) chapters of *Familia Romana* aim to be covered during this course. However a degree of flexibility will be allowed for depending on the pace of the group.

- Quarter 1: **Chapters 1-7** The narrative begins a lesson in the geography of the Roman Empire before introducing us the *familia Romana* and its various members. 1st and 2nd declension nouns, adjectives, present tense verbs, interrogatives, personal pronouns, and the nominative, genitive, accusative and ablative cases are introduced in incremental fashion, as required by the narrative.
- Quarter 2: **Chapters 8-12** Social life, a love story, the natural world, the human body, and the military life are among the topics covered in this section, as we learn more about the doings of our Roman family. Demonstrative and relative pronouns, the imperative mood, vocative and dative cases, further cases functions, 3rd declension nouns, and the passive voice of verbs are exercised.
- Quarter 3: **Chapters 13-16** Numbers, units of time, and natural seasons are all explored. The main grammar topics are 4th and 5th declension nouns, participles and deponent verbs, and by now students will be familiar with a variety of syntactical constructions.
- Quarter 4: **Chapters 17-20** Latin letters and familial roles are the main themes of this final section. By the end of this section students will have exercised adverbs and adjectives in all their degrees, the imperfect and future tenses in both active and passive voices. They will be able to confidently read and interrogate the text orally and in written exercises.



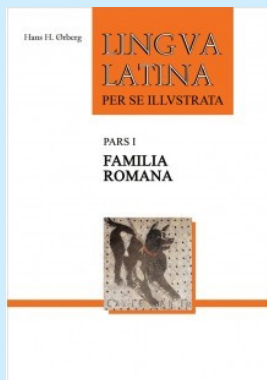
4. OFFICE HOURS

In addition to scheduled class times, students may request to meet during an “Office Hour” to raise any questions, seek assistance, or review class material. Miss Overy will be available to give one-to-one support for up to one hour per week on a first-come-first-served basis.

5. REQUIRED COURSE TEXT

The course text is the world's premiere textbook for learning Latin via the Natural Method:

<https://www.hackettpublishing.com/lingua-latina-per-se-illustrata-series>



6. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Lingua Latina I offers a thorough and immersive foundation in the Latin language with classes conducted almost entirely in Latin. Some institutions offer this course as a translation course alone; however this does not reap the full fruits of Orberg’s method. With Scholé, students will consolidate the fundamentals of Latin grammar, syntax, and vocabulary, and study elements of the culture of the ancient Roman world, through full Latin immersion and by following the story of a Roman family in the 2nd century A.D. This narrative is carefully constructed in strict imitation of key classical authors including Cicero, Seneca, Ovid and Vergil, incorporating their most frequent vocabulary and syntax.

The learning of grammar and vocabulary *in context* is key to the Natural Method. Instead of a heavy emphasis on Latin-English translation and the memorisation of grammar charts and vocabulary in isolation, the Natural Method maximises student engagement with the actual language through techniques including :

- ◆ reading aloud of stories
- ◆ questioning and oral comprehension
- ◆ memorisation of example phrases and sentences
- ◆ TPI (total physical response) using props and pictures
- ◆ rhetorical enactment of *scaenae*
- ◆ Latin-Latin paraphrasing and written composition

Such training nurtures in students a deeper familiarity with and fluency in classical Latin, equipping them well to continue refining the art of translation later on. In addition, a concise grammar summary will be provided for each chapter. While this will be given in English, Latin examples from the text will always be used to illustrate each point.

The course map (page 3) highlights the chapters to be covered each quarter. The grammar covered is equivalent to that of *Latin Alive!* I and II (the Subjunctive mood being introduced in Ch. 27 of *Familia Romana* and Book III of *Latin Alive!*). By the end of the year students will be confident in reading simple-intermediate Latin passages fluently, without a dictionary. They will have practised all 4 verb conjugations, all 5 declensions and the 6 cases. They will be familiar with intermediate syntax, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, prepositions, and participles, as well as an increasing number of case functions.

7. CLASSES & HOMEWORK

Classes will consist in reading the text together and reviewing the reading from the previous week. Accompanying oral and written exercises, *scaenae* (dialogues), and *fabulae* (myths) will be used to supplement the core text. A substantial amount of new vocabulary, which can be found in list-form at the end of each chapter, will be introduced each week. Students will be required to memorize and consolidate all new learning material outside of class by:

- ◆ Rereading the extracts covered in class
- ◆ listening to Hans Orberg's audio recording
- ◆ Completing the written and oral exercises at the end of each chapter, and/or:
- ◆ Completing supplementary exercises

8. STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Students enrolling in *Lingua Latina I* will be expected to show development of Executive Function Skills throughout the year. Executive Function Skills speaks to a set of qualities and skill sets students can develop and hone the better to approach the courses, lectures, readings, and teachers they will face in their future academic coursework.

Since we are learning a language together and will be using Latin to answer questions and engage in simple dialogue, it is of utmost importance that students come to class with a courageous willingness to participate without worrying about making mistakes. In this spirit, the classroom will be true *ludus*, - an environment of respectful, joyful, and friendly learning, which will facilitate the study of a difficult language. This disposition is that of an ‘engaged student’. Scholé Academy commends 4 other important skills which ought to be observed by students.

- ◆ **An Engaged Student:** One who is willing to step into the arena of class discussion, ask questions, supply answers, and generate the internal dialogue necessary to determine if what’s being discussed is important and necessary to themselves.
- ◆ **Note Taking:** A student must be engaged with the class by taking notes on important and relevant content in an organized fashion. They should then independently consult those notes for assignments and in preparation for assessments. It is essential that all students acquire a notebook for use during the class, as this will keep them organized by subject.
- ◆ **Attention to Detail & Preparedness:** These students are ones who consistently adhere to deadlines, submission requirements, adhere to style guides and codes, confirm technology is working prior to the start of class, are responsible to determine how to proceed after an absence, are responsible for consulting their course syllabus and adjusting as the class proceeds, etc.
- ◆ **Critical Reflection:** These students are ones who receive feedback to their submissions, and then apply that feedback to future assignments rather than repeating mistakes. These students also glean information from the live class critiques of fellow students and learn from others what mistakes to avoid.
- ◆ **Initiative/Maturity:** This student will be proactive in listening to the teacher’s comments, assessing how they apply to his/her work, taking the initiative to schedule office hours with the teacher if necessary.

9. STUDENT EXPECTATIONS IN ACTION

Students will be following the sequence of study contained in *Familia Romana* chapters 1-20. The primary goal for the student will be to consolidate their foundations of Latin grammar, syntax and vocabulary and build their fluency and familiarity with the language orally and aurally in a narrative context and through written exercises. They will also continue to build on their knowledge of ancient Roman culture and history. The greater goal is that students develop an appreciation of the beauty and power of language. This appreciation will inform their other studies and their lives in the world.

Due to the immersive nature of the course and the fact that we are learning a language, being an ‘engaged student’, who is always willing to participate in class, is crucial to the learning process. In addition, students must be diligent in completing and submitting their homework and reviewing feedback outside of class. It is highly advised that students apply themselves for 15 minutes a day. ‘Little and often’ is the first rule of language learning. A suggested homework plan will be provided, which students can adapt to fit their own schedules.

In this class, students will be expected to listen attentively, participate actively in class discussions and practices. During class time, students will read aloud, ask and answer questions in Latin, and respond to the teacher and their classmates. They will be required to take notes documenting the new content covered each class. Each week the teacher will lead a review of the previous session, informed by issues and problems encountered and raised by students, as well as issues introduced by the teacher.

Students are expected to arrive to class on time with all assigned material completed. The instructor will facilitate learning for the student, but the responsibility for staying up-to-date with classwork and assignments is ultimately the responsibility of the student.

Students who have not submitted their homework to the appropriate Schoology assignment folder prior to the start of class will not be permitted to join the live class session. Those students will be invited into a separate Zoom breakout room to work privately until they have completed the day’s assignment. After they have completed their homework submission, they will be permitted to rejoin the class in session. A day spent in a breakout room will constitute an absence from class, and students will have to catch up by watching the class recording. It is crucial, particularly for this language course, that students avoid this error. When classes started to be substituted videos there is a real risk that students will fall behind.

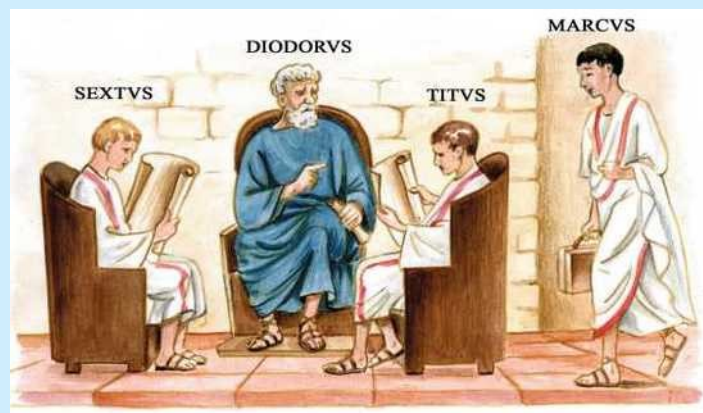
All assignments will be due in the appropriate Schoology Assignment folder prior to the start of class each day. Students turning in late work will earn a 10% penalty for each day the assignment is late. Students will submit their work by scanning their homework pages and uploading it into the Schoology assignment window. Photographs of completed assignments will not be accepted as they are incredibly difficult to read.

10. GRADING

While pursuing [Lingua Latina I](#) through Scholé Academy will be “restful” and enjoyable, we also recognize the need to provide grades for students who will be using this course as part of their prepared college transcript. It’s a delicate balance to achieve both restful learning and excellent academic performance. Earning a specific grade should not overshadow achievement goals for mastery of this discipline. Grammar (for our purposes, the Latin language in all its dimensions), like the studies of Logic and Rhetoric, is a “core” discipline in Classical Education and learning to own the concepts introduced in this class will be a necessary and significant component of future success in upper-level Classical Education. In that sense then, attaining a mastery of Latin is its own reward and as the teacher we will assign the following grades to your student’s level of achievement: *magna cum laude* (with great praise); *cum laude* (with praise); *satis* (sufficient, satisfactory) and *non satis* (not sufficient).

Ideally, every average student working diligently should do praiseworthy work (*cum laude*). Those who excel beyond this expectation will be the *magna cum laude* students. Students who do adequate but not praiseworthy work be designated *satis*. *Non satis* means lacking sufficiency or adequacy.

In addition, traditional percentage grades will be provided and will be readily accessible on the [Lingua Latina I](#) Schoology page. Additionally, we will provide a transcript of that grade to the requesting parent at the end of the year.



Exercitatio intellegendi prudentiam acuit.

Cicero *De Oratore*, I.90

‘Exercising intelligence sharpens prudence.’

11. STUDENT MASTERY PORTRAIT

In this course students will receive the foundations of linguistic training that will set them on the path to full mastery of the Latin language. A knowledge of Latin will also lead to a more sophisticated understanding of English grammar, syntax, and style. This course will provide the components necessary to achieve mastery of the foundations of the Latin language, and help students develop an analytical mind. Speaking Latin and learning about the cultural context of the language we study will also help engage the student in development of their moral virtues. These three aspects of the course would comprise the “learning target”.

At the completion of this course *cum laude* students will have attained the skills necessary to read simple Latin narratives without a dictionary, and be confident users of the language. They will be able to read and identify the structure of simple sentences unaided, recognize adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, pronouns and participles, as well as the main verb parts and moods.

They will be able to recognize in context and actively use:

- ◆ the 4 verb conjugations, their stems and endings
- ◆ the 5 noun declensions, their endings
- ◆ basic syntactical functions of the 6 cases
- ◆ present, imperfect and future tenses in both active and passive voices
- ◆ participles

Students will also be guided in development of the virtues of Truth, Goodness and Wisdom. The ancients believed that the arts of speaking and acting well were interconnected. This course intends for students encounter something of the beauty and power of the *logos*, as they engage with the Latin language in its fullness, that is, as it is written, spoken, and heard.

12. ASSESSMENT

Miss Overy will communicate with students regarding assignment feedback and grading through the free online grading system, Schoology. The teacher will provide students with more detailed information and access to the [Lingua Latina I](#) course page.

Student's grades will comprise of:

- ◆ Class Participation: 50%
- ◆ Weekly homework assignments: 30%
- ◆ Quarterly assessments: 20%

Please note that [class participation](#) constitutes a high percentage of the grade. Miss Overy will be monitoring students' oral ability and grasp of the language in class and oral reviews of new material will be conducted on a weekly basis.

Typically Speaking:

magna cum laude is the grade range of 90% or above.

cum laude is the grade range of 80-89%

satis is the grade range of 70-79%

non satis is any grade lower than a 70%

If a student is unwilling to put the effort and energy into studying well and participating in class, they will find themselves unable to progress with this course.

longum est iter per praecepta, breve et efficax per exempla.

Seneca

‘Long is the journey through precepts, brief and efficient through examples.’

13. ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Students will often take assessment tests and/or quizzes privately at home. Students are on their honor to abide by [Scholé Academy's Learning Philosophy](#) which assumes the personal cultivation of Student-Virtues described in the Student-Parent Handbook.

Additionally, plagiarism is a serious and punishable offense. Proper citation of all sources is essential to the academic endeavor. Remember to cite any source if the information is not common knowledge or is an opinion obtained through any source. A plagiarized assignment will result in a failing grade. Students should consult their chosen style manual (see Student Expectations above) for specific direction on obtaining, quoting and paraphrasing sources.

14. THE VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

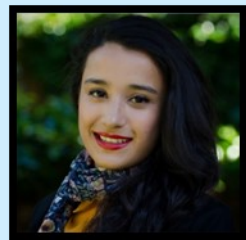
We will be using the free online “virtual classroom” software provided by Zoom, one of the leading companies that provides such software. The virtual classroom will provide students with interactive audio, text chat and an interactive whiteboard in which texts, diagrams, video and other media can be displayed and analyzed. We will provide students with a link (via email) that will enable students to join the virtual classroom.

Specific information regarding the technology used by Scholé Academy (including required technology) can be found by visiting the [Technology in the Classroom](#) section of the Student Parent Handbook.

Students will submit documents by scanning and uploading them to their personal computer, then attaching those files as .pdfs to an email. They will submit their work to the [Lingua Latina I](#) Schoology assignment page (access granted after enrollment is secured).

15. ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Maria Overy is a Latin teacher and tutor for Scholé Academy. She has previously taught *Latin Alive!* levels 1-3 for Scholé Academy, and the *Lingua Latina per se Illustrata* (LLPSI) for a number of projects in the UK.



She holds a BA in Classics from King's College London (UK), and a post-graduate diploma in Theology from Blackfriars Hall, Oxford (UK). She is twice alumna of the Accademia Vivarium Novum summer school, a college of the humanities where Latin is the only spoken language. At the Accademia she studied how to teach LLPSI according to the Natural Method. She is currently completing an MA at the Polis Institute, a specialist institution for the teaching of ancient languages in an immersive setting. The classical principle of ‘learning from not merely about’ first fired her desire to study and teach the ancient classical languages, which are the key to the wisdom and imagination of many great minds across the Western Classical tradition.