

Latin I

Northwest Guilford High School

Ms. Jackson

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Course Objectives/Overview: In this course our focus will be the introductory grammatical elements and structures that form the foundation of the Latin language. Along the way students will analyze several aspects of Ancient Roman culture such as home/family life, entertainment, education, and mythology. The purpose of this course is not only to begin reading Latin but also to develop a more comprehensive understanding of Ancient Roman civilization.

Tutoring: Please come in for tutoring if you are unclear about ANYTHING in this course. It is far better to clarify any questions before we progress further! I will offer tutoring **THURSDAY AFTERNOONS** or by appointment.

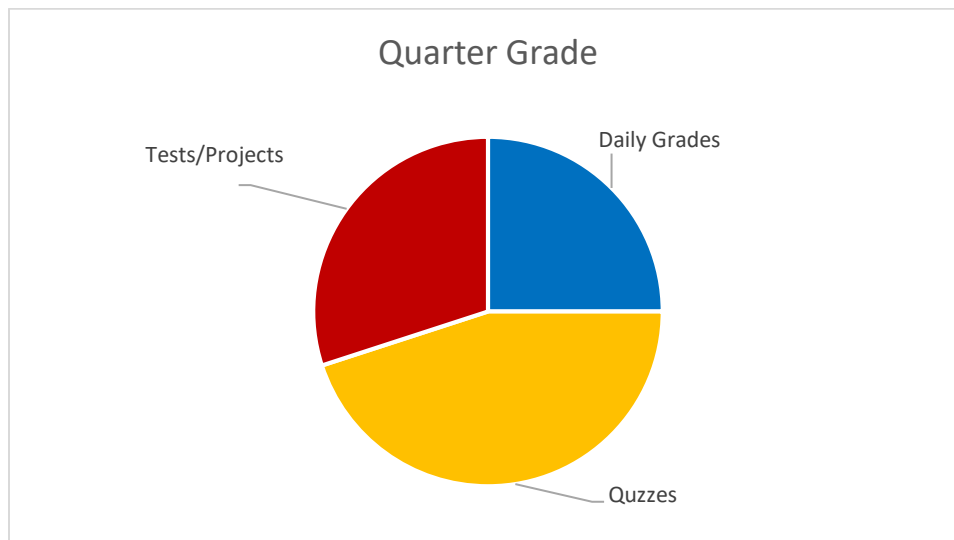
Rules & Expectations for Students:

- Be in class!—If you must be absent, tests and assignments must be made up within THREE days (unless other arrangements are made with me). Any extra credit on tests will ONLY be available on the original test day.
- Be on time!—Being tardy is unacceptable. This includes returning from trips to the bathroom, which need to be handled during class change. Please see the Student Handbook for more information on the school tardy policy and consequences.
- **Be prepared!**
 - You will need to bring a composition book or spiral notebook to use as soon as possible. This will help keep notes and work samples organized throughout the year. Please make sure your name is clearly visible on the front.
 - Loose-leaf paper-> YES. To learn Latin, you have to write out some translations! I will collect bell-ringers, classwork, and homework frequently, so you should think about stocking up on notebook paper now!
 - Pencils -> ***I will not provide writing utensils.*** If you are unable to find a pencil or pen with which to write during class, you will miss the day's notes or receive a zero on any collected classwork.
 - Binder/Folder for collecting class materials (may be shared with another class if you are organized)
 - Dry Erase Marker for white board work during class. I suggest bringing an old sock to use as an eraser.
- **WE HAVE ANTS** ☹️ **!!!! No** candy, food, or open drinks are allowed in the classroom. You are allowed to have a bottle of plain water or a twist-top drink to class.
- Please try to use the bathroom or visit the water fountain before or after class. If you are not in the room when the bell rings, you will be counted tardy...even if you put your things in the room first. Students will receive 3 *bathroom passes per quarter* which can be cashed in for extra credit at the end of the quarter if unused.
- Anyone caught doing work for another class (unless you are given free time) will have that work confiscated. I will NOT give it back. #sorrynotsorry.

- I DO NOT LIKE CHEATERS. I take this very seriously. If you cheat on ANYTHING I give you (tests, homework, or anything in between), 3 things will happen.
 1. I will rip up your assignment and you will be given a ZERO.
 2. Your parents/guardians AND counselors will be notified.
 3. If you try to join National Honor Society or any other club seeking teacher recommendation, I will inform them of your poor moral character.

Assessment & Grading:

- The “final grade” for this class is a combination of four quarter grades (20% each) and a final exam grade (also 20%). Your quarterly class grades will be calculated like this:
 - Tests/Projects 30%
 - Quizzes 45%
 - Daily Grades (Classwork, participation, etc.) 25%

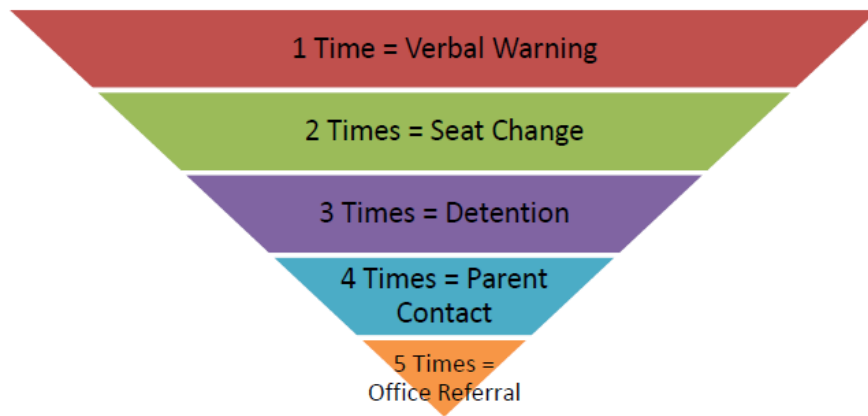


** I reserve the right to change the percentage break-down according to the needs of the class. The break down will NEVER change mid-quarter, and students will be notified of any changes well in advance**

- Late work (primarily homework) is accepted the next day for 50% credit UNLESS we go over the answers to the assignment in class.
- You can expect several assessments each week covering vocabulary and/or any of the material we have covered since the previous quiz. The assessments will be categorized according to their primary focus (e.g. vocabulary, reading comprehension, etc.)
- Tests will be given at the end of each unit, which roughly translates to approximately every 3-4 weeks depending on the class pace.
- If you are absent on the day of a test/quiz or any other assignment it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to coordinate your make-up time. If tests/quizzes are not made up within 3 days of your return I reserve the right to give you a zero.

Behavior:

- Unless being used for a **class activity**, I expect all electronic devices to be silenced and put away.
- Each day, students will:
 - Either silence or completely shut down their phones (or iPod/MP3 players with internet access) prior to the first bell.
 - I will collect the devices while students complete the morning bell ringer, and carefully re-distribute the electronic devices a few minutes before the end of class.
- If students are caught using an electronic device for anything other than a designated class activity, the device will be confiscated immediately and will be sent to the front office for pick-up at the end of the day. This includes bluetooth headphones such as AirPods!
- I expect students to be on their best behavior at all times. In the case of any behavior issue during class, consequences will be assigned according to the following structure:



Additional Opportunities:

- **Latin Club:** meets once or twice a month to do volunteer work, crafts, have a meal, watch a movie, etc. Affiliated with the Junior Classical League, which hosts contests and a state and national convention in the Spring/Summer and a forum in the Fall (attendance to these is optional).
- **Certamen:** Latin trivia team, competes at regionals in March and, if qualifying, at states in May. 4 person teams at three different levels. Meet TUESDAY afternoons in Room 438!
- **National Latin Honor Society:** requires membership in the Latin Club, an A average in Latin for the preceding year (determined in December), and volunteer service hours through peer tutoring. Students receive a cord for graduation if inducted and opportunity to apply for a scholarship in their senior year.
- **National Latin Exam:** standardized test administered in March. Top performers earn certificates and medals, and high performance several years in a row allows students to apply for scholarships and additional awards. Only \$5 to sign up!
- **Classics Day:** hosted by UNCG on their campus, students majoring in Classics run a day of fun and learning for those interested in the field. Learn about possible college studies while enjoying fun activities for FREE! Dates TBA!
- **International Travel:** We are traveling to **Spain, France, Italy, and Monaco** this SUMMER! Parents are welcome too! If you would like to know more about the trip, ask Ms. Jackson!

