

# Honors Latin III

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## Course Objectives/Overview:

In your third year of Latin, the focus of study shifts from primary grammar acquisition and usage to reading adapted and/or annotated Latin authors. You will still have regular grammar practice to review concepts and strengthen your skills, but the emphasis is on learning to read Latin prose and poetry for meaning and discussion.

This year, you will “try out” different authors to experience a wide range of styles and subject matter. Authors may include Catullus, Ovid, Caesar, Cicero, Vergil, Plautus, or others. This course will help inform your decision of whether or not to continue Latin with an AP course.

## Daily Activities and Class Preparation:

We will be doing a variety of activities in class: **translations, grammar exercises, discussions, etc.** The anchor of the class, however, is increased facility with the Latin language, and other activities will depend on how adept you become at the language. Thus, daily preparation is essential not only to your progress but to your enjoyment of the class. Each student is expected to participate 3-4+ times per week.

This preparation is especially important because I will be introducing the specific skill of sight-reading, which is translation from a “clean” version (no notes or vocabulary) of a text with no previous preparation. As this is a high-level task that requires a great deal of practice, these sessions will begin small and gradually increase in amount over time. The objective is to have you familiarize yourself with sight-reading techniques and gain confidence in your ability to read unseen Latin. Reading at sight successfully, however, requires the synthesis of all your previous learning, and so the accumulation of daily habits pays off in sight translation.

## 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 **TUESDAY 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!**
  - Please purchase a folder with prongs as soon as possible.
    - Because we do not have textbooks for many of the authors, I may provide you with hand-outs or note packets. It will be your responsibility to keep up with these materials.
    - You should also keep ALL your written translations/annotations in a folder/binder for future reference (i.e. quizzes, tests, midterm, final, etc.)

- Latin-English Dictionary
  - Your dictionary does not need to be new! There are several different dictionaries that can be found online or at a used book store.
  - Most popular copies:
    - The Bantam New College Latin & English Dictionary (New \$3.73 at Amazon.com)
    - Cassell's Concise Latin-English, English-Latin Dictionary (New \$7.97 at Amazon.com)
- 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.
- **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.

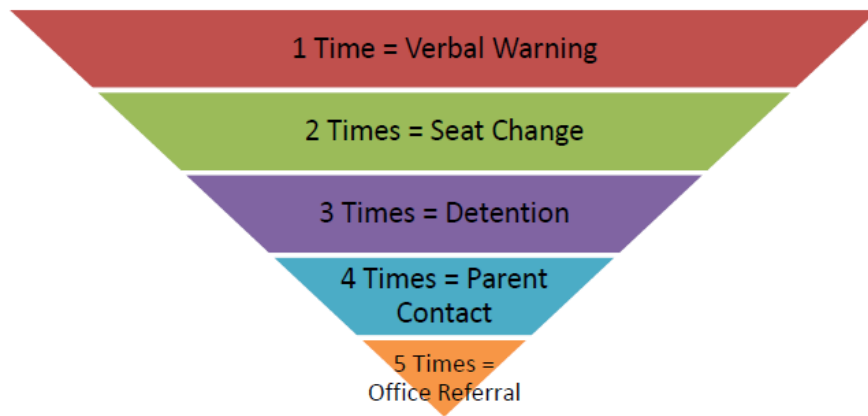
**CONSULTING AN OUTSIDE TRANSLATION, COPYING A FRIEND'S TRANSLATION,  
OR ATTEMPTING TO USE Google Translate ARE ALL FORMS OF CHEATING.  
I will know. I will be disappointed. You will fail.**

**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:
  - 45% announced quizzes
  - 25% tests
  - 30% daily grades (classwork, pop quizzes, participation, sight readings, etc.)
- Late work is not accepted because we often cover the correct translation in class the day it is due.
- You can expect a quiz roughly each week covering the week's passages, vocabulary, culture, discussions, etc.
- Tests will be given at the end of each unit, which roughly translates to approximately 1-2 times per quarter depending on the class pace.

## 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!
- 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. Meetings on 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 register!
- **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!
- **International Travel:** We are traveling to *Spain, France, Monaco, and Italy* this Summer! Our tour will explore Rome and the Sorrento Region. If you would like to know more about the trip, ask Ms. Jackson!



