

Latin III Honors

		Description of Average Weekly Outside Requirements	
<p>Main Topics (What main ideas/concepts will be covered): Reading Latin text is the primary focus of the course. In the advanced Latin courses (Latin III, IV, AP Latin) Latin students will transition to reading authentic Latin text written by Roman authors. In the beginning levels of Latin, students will read adapted Latin texts with simplified grammar and vocabulary to facilitate acquisition of the language.</p> <p>Intercultural Studies: ancient Roman culture, Greco-Roman mythology, history of ancient Rome, etc.</p>	<p>Rationale (Why should I take this course?): -typical freshman student at 4-year university (e.g. FSU or UF) has at least 3 years of a foreign language -student earns an honors credit for advanced Latin courses, starting with Latin III -60% of English is derived from Latin vocabulary -Latin is the parent language of the Romance languages (Spanish, French, Italian, etc.) -Latin is the language of science and medicine -Students of Latin, on average, outperform public school students on the critical reading section of the SAT by 70 points</p>	<p>Reading: Students will read a mixture of level adapted Latin text and authentic Latin text written by ancient Roman authors. In the school years that conclude on an even year, the focus of the course is on Latin poetry, the odd Latin prose.</p> <p>N.B. Class time is allotted towards the completion of this assignment, but could become homework if the student needs additional time to read the assigned text.</p>	<p>Written: Most of the stories read in Latin will have an accompanying worksheet or assignment to aid in comprehension. This can take the form of a fill in the blank translation, reading comprehension questions, or grammatical drills.</p> <p>N.B. Class time is allotted towards the completion of this assignment, but could become homework if the student needs additional time to complete the written assignment.</p>
<p>Grade Composition (How are grades determined?): Classwork, quizzes, tests, and projects. Assignments are assigned a point value based on rigor of the assignment (e.g. Quiz = 25 points; Test = 100 points)</p>	<p>Skill Development: The Latin student will be able to read and comprehend level appropriate Latin. They will be able to discuss different culture aspects of the ancient Romans (e.g. wedding customs, writing technology, etc.), mythological traditions of the Romans (e.g. the Trojan War Cycle.), etc. The Latin student should also expect their English vocabulary to grow in concordance with their Latin, learning such English words as <i>ameliorate</i>, <i>onerous</i>, etc.</p>	<p>Sample Textbook Excerpt:</p> <p>Latin Prose: Pluton petit ab Iove Proserpinam filiam eius et Cereris in coniugium daret. Iovis negavit Cererem passuram, ut filia sua in Tartaro tenebricoso sit, sed iubet eum rapere eam flores legentem in monte Aetna, qui est in Sicilia. In quo Proserpina dum flores cum Venere et Diana et Minerva legit, Pluton quadrigis venit. –Hyginus, <i>Fabulae</i></p> <p>Latin Poetry: Da mi basia mille, deinde centum dein alter millia, dein secunda centum, deinde usque alter mille, deinde centum. -Catullus 5</p>	
<p>Required Skills: In addition to a willingness to learn and an openness to learning about other cultures and customs, Latin II is a prerequisite for this course.</p>			