

## Syllabus: Latin Readings - Christian Authors

### Course Description

This course assumes the student has achieved a significant level of proficiency in Latin grammar. Basic Latin skills previously learned will be fine-tuned as students focus on translating selections from the Vulgate, St. Augustine and other medieval writers. This course is eligible for dual enrollment credit for junior and senior diploma students. Homework will average 2 - 3 hours per week.

### Attendance and Participation

Both attendance and participation are vital parts of this course; therefore, students are required to attend class sessions and participate actively in discussions. Students are expected to view archives of any missed classes, and are responsible for obtaining any notes or assignments.

Students will be given quarterly grades for both participation and attendance:

- Fifteen percent of the final grade will be attributed to *relevant class participation*. This includes raising one's hand, commenting regularly via microphone/webcam, and using the chat box regularly to contribute to the academic conversation.
- Five percent of the final grade will be attributed to *class attendance*. Being present, being on time, and readiness for class are all factors to be considered in the class attendance grade. *Excused* absences will not detrimentally impact attendance grades.

Grading rubrics are located in the Course Documents folder in each course page.

### Assignments & Exams

In order to be prepared for class discussions, translation assignments must be completed before the beginning of class. Please follow the syllabus carefully in order to be adequately prepared. Students are responsible to keep up with the translations for every class period and will be asked to submit translation work to the teacher, uploading the files as Word documents using the links provided.

Four exams will be given to assess the performance of the students. These exams will cover only the material studied up to that point in the course schedule. In other words, the exam in Week 9 will include material from Weeks 1-8, while the exam in Week 16 will include material from Weeks 9-15. Exams will consist of a translation section, a grammar section, and a comprehension section. Students may also be asked to write an essay in English regarding some theme discussed in class.

All exams should be taken in one sitting and proctored by an adult. Unless directed by the teacher, students are not permitted to use any helps, books, notes or the Internet on any portion of exams. All exams are due at 11:55 PM ET on the date shown. Specific instructions will be provided by the instructor.

### **Evaluation**

The final grade is determined on the following basis:

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| ● Class Attendance             | 5%  |
| ● Relevant Class Participation | 15% |
| ● Translations                 | 40% |
| ● Exams                        | 40% |

### **Grading Scale**

The following grading scale will apply for all assignments and final grades. 100% – 90% = A; 89% - 80% = B; 79% - 70% = C; 69% - 60% = D; 59% - 50% = E; 49% - 40% = F. All grades are rounded to the nearest whole number.

### **Late Work**

If a student fails to submit any assessment by the due date, it is considered “late.”

- Assignments submitted 0-24 hours late will result in a 10 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments submitted 24-48 hours late will result in a 20 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments submitted 48-72 hours late will result in a 30 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments over 72 hours late will not be accepted and the student will receive a zero.
- Parent may request an extension from their child’s teacher *prior to the due date* or in the case of an emergency.

While we love grace and the opportunity to exercise it, we also desire to instill a sound sense of responsibility in our students, hence these expectations pertaining to late work.

### **Exam/Test Retakes**

Any student may retake a failed assessment (except quizzes), but can score no higher than 70% on the retake. Retakes must be submitted within one week of the returned, failed test. If the retake is not submitted within one week, the original failing grade will stand.

### **Academic Dishonesty**

Cheating on any assignment is considered academic dishonesty. This includes plagiarism in any form. Cheating will be dealt with in the following manner:

- If a student is caught cheating, he will receive a zero on the assignment and will be placed on academic probation for the remainder of the school year.
- If the same student is caught cheating again, he will likely be expelled.
- No refunds will be granted for students who are expelled due to cheating.
- A Disciplinary Action Form will be submitted by the student's teacher for any instance of academic dishonesty.

### **Textbooks**

The books needed for the class can be purchased through Veritas Press. It is extremely important that the student has the correct version/edition of these materials.

Latin Readings: Christian Authors Course Kit (003545)

- Biblia Sacra Vulgata (305-560)
- The Confessions of St. Augustine (095025)
- Medieval Mosaic (095400)
- New College Latin & English Dictionary (305112)

### **Course Calendar**

See Course Assignment Sheet, located on course page, for class dates, breaks and all assignments and assessments. Class dates and breaks can also be found on the current academic year calendar.