

VSA Syllabus: Latin Readings - Virgil

Course Description

This course assumes the student has achieved a significant level of proficiency in Latin grammar and is ready to read unadapted Latin texts with a focus on Virgil and Caesar. The course follows an AP curriculum and will prepare students to take the AP Latin test in the spring. This course is eligible for dual enrollment credit for junior and senior diploma students. Homework will average 4 - 5 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

This class includes five other graded categories: journal writing, presentations, translation and scansion, quizzes, and exams. Throughout the course, students will keep a writing journal in which they answer short questions in English about the assigned readings and submit this on a monthly basis. In addition at the end of each semester, students will present a passage of Latin literature of their choosing to the class. This includes a good translation of the passage, scansion, and explanation of historical context. Students will be asked to submit their daily translations on a regular basis. Translations must be literal within the confines of proper English. These are homework assignments and students may use their text, dictionary, and grammar guides, but are *not allowed to use English translations of any kind*. Weekly quizzes and quarterly exams will be given to assess the performance of the students. Quizzes will include questions from the following categories: grammar, vocabulary, scansion, translation, literary terminology, comprehension/analysis, and historical/cultural/literary context. Exams will consist of translation, scansion, grammar, comprehension, and analysis. All quizzes and 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.

Evaluation

The final grade is determined on the following basis:

- Class Attendance 5%
- Relevant Class Participation 15%
- Writing Journal 10%
- Presentations 5%
- Translations and Scansion 20%
- Quizzes 15%
- Exams 30%

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/Materials

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: Virgil Course Kit (003705)

- Virgil's Aeneid (095925)
- A Notebook For Virgil's Aeneid (095930)
- Virgil, The Aeneid (341011)*
- Caesar: Selections from his Commentarii De Bello Gallico (095001)
- Caesar Notebook (095005)
- The Gallic War (420095)
- New Latin Grammar (095050)
- College Latin and English Dictionary (305112)*

*Indicates an item that is used in more than one year and/or in other disciplines.

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.