

FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

LATIN IA

COURSE NO: 05019

LENGTH:40 WEEKS

GRADE LEVEL: 8-12

CREDITS: 1

PREREQUISITES: Failure of 7th grade language class or recommendation of 7th grade language teacher
Failure of 8th grade Regents Level 1 foreign language class

COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES:

This course is designed as slower moving first year language course. It is an introduction to the Latin language and the culture, history and mythology of the Roman civilization. Through their study, students are expected to develop an understanding of who the Ancient Romans were and how they communicated. They will also study the relationship of Latin grammar and vocabulary to English, which, while not a Romance language, has about 60-65% of its vocabulary and syntax coming directly from Latin.

This course requires the student to be an eager participant. The student must study, participate in class work, show proper behavior and practice the forms and vocabulary to acquire a knowledge sufficient to pass the course and/or the Second Language Proficiency exam.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROCESSES & MATERIALS:

This course relies on the combined use of textbooks and handouts. New material is presented through short introductory lessons with the use of exercises in the text, worksheets and practice drills to reinforce the new material.

Homework assignments will be short in nature as much of the work will be done in class. Students should write all assignments in their agenda books and should use free nights to review vocabulary and grammar.

Tests and quizzes may be retaken to improve averages.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS & EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- Homework assignments are an important part of this course.
- Students are expected to take notes and keep a binder with handouts and tests.
- Students are expected to prepare for and pass quizzes and tests or to retake them so that they will improve their averages.
- Participation in class is a crucial part of this course. Good behavior is included in positive participation.
- Marks are determined by a combination of participation, homework, quiz and test grades and appropriate classroom decorum.