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Latin A

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Dept of Ancient History

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General Information

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Credit points

3

Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit introduces students of ancient history to study of the Latin language. It provides a systematic introduction to the grammar (especially morphology and basic syntax) and vocabulary. The unit also aims to help students develop the skills necessary for reading original Latin texts, and explores the significance of Latin for the study of relevant ancient cultures.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Recognise and recall Latin script and phonetic structure

Identify and recall Latin grammatical structures at elementary level

Recognise and memorize foundational Latin vocabulary

Assess the grammar required for the translation of simple Latin texts

Explore relevant grammatical and lexical reference tools

Recognise and recall linguistic metalanguage

Integrate knowledge of grammar and vocabulary in reading and/or writing simple Latin texts

Explore the significance of Latin for the study of relevant ancient cultures

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>Participation</u>	10%	See unit schedule
<u>Grammar Quizzes</u>	15%	See unit schedule
<u>Prose Compositions</u>	20%	See unit schedule
<u>Document analysis</u>	15%	See unit schedule
<u>Examination</u>	40%	TBA (June examination period)

Participation

Due: **See unit schedule**

Weighting: **10%**

The purpose of this low-risk assessment is to test engagement with unit content and developing knowledge and skills. You will be required to participate in class discussions exploring aspects of Latin grammar and grammatical terminology (the linguistic metalanguage). These discussions will be conducted via the General Discussion Forum on the unit's iLearn page.

The criteria against which this assessment will be assessed are level of engagement and demonstration of developing knowledge and skills. I will expect you to participate in discussions on at least five (out of a total of eight) different topics. Participation in the eighth topic, which will focus on study techniques for approaching the final examination and your comprehension of relevant advice (delivered in lectures), is a requirement for satisfactory completion of the unit.

Engagement is worth 5% of the total unit assessment. Demonstration of developing knowledge and skills (this will be worth an additional 5%).

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Grammar Quizzes

Due: **See unit schedule**

Weighting: **15%**

The purpose of this assessment task is to develop control over Latin grammar and vocabulary, analytical skills, comprehension, and independent thinking. In each of the 6 electronic grammar quizzes you will be required to answer five questions.

The criteria against which this task will be assessed are accuracy and completeness of the information you present.

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Prose Compositions

Due: **See unit schedule**

Weighting: **20%**

The purpose of this assessment is to facilitate understanding of Latin grammatical structures. You will be required to translate a series of sentences from English into Latin (5 sentences in each of the 4 prose-compositions). The sentences will test your control over concepts discussed in the lectures and the unit booklet.

The assessment criteria against which this task will be assessed are accuracy, completeness, and technical and stylistic control over the material.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Document analysis

Due: **See unit schedule**

Weighting: **15%**

The purpose of this assessment is to develop analytical skills and independent thinking. You will be required to investigate a passage drawn from the unit readings and to provide an analysis of specific grammatical features (to be advised) appearing in that passage. Length-limit: 1000 words, including analysis, any footnotes, and bibliography.

The assessment criteria against which this task will be assessed are accuracy and thoroughness (5%), clarity of presentation (5%), and effective use of referencing and bibliography (5%).

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Examination

Due: **TBA (June examination period)**

Weighting: **40%**

The purpose of this assessment is to test general control over unit content. The examination is arranged as 4 questions:

- in **Question 1** you will be required to reproduce five grammatical paradigms from a designated list (of twenty paradigms introduced in the unit booklet) which you will have studied during the semester (25% of exam. weighting);
- in **Question 2** you will be required to explain specific grammatical features in five short extracts drawn from the unit readings (25% of exam. weighting);
- in **Question 3** you will be required to translate from Latin into English a short passage drawn from the unit readings (30% of exam. weighting);
- in **Question 4** you will be required to translate four English sentences into Latin (20% of exam. weighting), using constructions studied and vocabulary employed in the prose compositions and sample sentences for this unit.

The criteria against which this task will be assessed are accuracy and completeness of the comments in Questions 1 and 2 and of the translation in Question 3, and accuracy, completeness, and technical and stylistic control of the translations in Question 4.

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Delivery and Resources

Technology

This unit employs the following technology

- iLearn
- Echo

The unit has an online presence. Login is via: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>

All required unit materials will be provided via this iLearn site.

Students are required to have regular access to a computer and the internet. Mobile devices alone are not sufficient.

For technical support go to: http://mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/informatics/help

For student quick guides on the use of iLearn go to: http://mq.edu.au/iLearn/student_info/guides.htm

Lecture Times

For lecture times and classrooms please consult: <https://timetables.mq.edu.au/2016/>

Satisfactory Completion

Completion of all Assessment Tasks is required to complete the unit satisfactorily.

Submission and Extensions

For Participation the submissions are your contributions to the electronic General Discussion Forum. Submit the electronic Quizzes via the unit's iLearn page. Submission of the Prose Compositions and Document Analysis is electronic via Turnitin. The Examination is closed-book and administered by the central administration.

Extensions are available on medical grounds and may be requested under other special

circumstances. Apply direct to the Convener.

Penalties for Late Submission

A penalty of 2% per day (including weekends) will be imposed for late submission of assessment tasks unless medical grounds or other special circumstances apply.

Unit Schedule

For this unit the Unit Schedule can be accessed via the Macquarie University iLearn website: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

New Assessment Policy in effect from Session 2 2016 http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy_2016.html. For more information visit http://students.mq.edu.au/events/2016/07/19/new_assessment_policy_in_place_from_session_2/

Assessment Policy prior to Session 2 2016 <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy prior to Session 2 2016 <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint_management/procedure.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Integrate knowledge of grammar and vocabulary in reading and/or writing simple Latin texts

Assessment tasks

- Participation
- Prose Compositions

- Document analysis
- Examination

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Identify and recall Latin grammatical structures at elementary level
- Explore relevant grammatical and lexical reference tools
- Recognise and recall linguistic metalanguage
- Integrate knowledge of grammar and vocabulary in reading and/or writing simple Latin texts
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Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to

critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Changes from Previous Offering

This unit is being offered under a new code from 2015. The unit booklet, readings, and assessment tasks have all been thoroughly revised.