

Erasmus Academy NY Summer Language Program

Classical Latin *Online*
May 21 – July 11, 2012 (8 weeks)

Instructor: Dr. Ben DeSmidt

Purpose

This intensive course is designed for graduate students preparing to take the Latin proficiency exams for masters and PhD programs, and for any other college student, adult or motivated high school student desiring to read in the language. It provides a thorough presentation of Latin grammar and introduces the student to expository prose, with the emphasis on reading and translation. No previous knowledge of the language is required. The objective of the course, approximating a full year of university instruction, is to bring the student to an intermediate reading level, enabling him or her to read Classical Latin and to be prepared to enroll in a college second year Latin course.

Course Structure

As a distance learning course, students may take this class from any location or from the convenience of their home. They will need to have access to the Internet. The course meets in “real time” and participants are expected to attend all the scheduled sessions. Each student participates fully in each class by listening and speaking, translating and posing questions. Assignments are emailed to the Instructor. The 8-week course meets two times a week (Mondays and Wednesdays), 6:15pm-9:15pm EST; it comprises 48 hours of instruction. Each 3-hour session includes grammar, strategies for analyzing Latin sentences, vocabulary & verb review, sight-reading, and quizzes. Presuming 4 hours of outside preparation for each hour in class, 30 hours (6 + 24) a week should be available for study...This is the fifth year that the Erasmus Academy NY is offering language courses online.

Required Textbook

Wheelock's Latin. Frederic M. Wheelock. Revised by Richard A. LaFleur. 6th edition. HarperCollins Publishers. 2005. ISBN: 0-06-078371-0

Background of Instructor

Dr. Ben DeSmidt completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Chicago, during which he studied one year at the University of Bristol, UK. He has a Ph.D. from Columbia University (NY) in Classics, where he served as a TA, teaching various levels of Greek and Latin. He teaches in the Department of Classics at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Dr. DeSmidt has taught the online summer Latin course for two years.

Registration, Course Fee and Refund Policy

The fee for Summer Latin Online is \$800, payable in full to the Erasmus Academy NY no later than immediately prior to the first class. To reserve a place in the course, an enrollment form and a non-refundable deposit of \$50 must be submitted to the Admissions Office of the Erasmus Academy NY by May 10, 2012. Early application is recommended due to space availability. The maximum number of students in this online course is 20. Students may also register and submit the deposit online, at the website below. If, after the first two weeks of classes, a student wishes to discontinue the Latin course, a letter to this effect must be received by the Erasmus Academy Office by 4:00pm on Friday, June 1, 2012. Thereupon, a refund of \$750 will be returned to the student.

Registration Deadline: May 10, 2012
Rolling Admission begins November 1, 2011

For information and enrollment form, write to:

**Erasmus Academy NY Admissions Office
320 7th Avenue #101
Brooklyn, NY 11215**

Or call 718-499-0077

**You may also register and make payments online:
www.erasmusacademy.com**