

## ***Erasmus Academy Summer Language Program 2018***

**Classical Latin *Online***  
**May 21 – July 12, 2018 (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 Thursdays), 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.

### Required Textbook

*Wheelock's Latin*. Frederic M. Wheelock. Revised by Richard A. LaFleur. 6<sup>th</sup> edition. Harper Collins 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 is the Chair of the Classics Department at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and teaches a wide range of Latin and Greek courses, and classes in Classical Civilizations. Dr. DeSmidt has taught the online summer Latin course with Erasmus for six years.

### Registration, Course Fee and Refund Policy

The fee per course is \$950. Please complete the Application for Enrollment form above and submit it, together with the non-refundable deposit of \$75, by May 1, 2018. This reserves for you a place in the course. Early registration is recommended due to space availability. You may download the Enrollment form, complete, scan and return by email attachment as indicated

below. Payments may be made online, on the website. If you prefer mailing the Enrollment form and deposit of \$75, please do so using the Brooklyn, NY address below. Make checks payable to **Erasmus Academy**, and enter language in the memo line. The balance of \$875 is due by May 10, 2018, 11 days prior to the first class, on May 21, '18. There is an "Early Bird" registration option. If the full payment is made by March 1, 2018, the total fee for the course is \$850. This option is found on the website's Online Store. If, after the first two weeks, a student wishes to discontinue the course, a letter to this effect must be received by the Erasmus Academy Office by 4:00 pm EST on Friday, June 1, 2018. Thereupon, a refund of \$875 will be returned to the student (\$775 for Early Bird registrants). There are no refunds after June 1, '18.

Registration Deadline: May 1, 2018

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