

Reading Classical Latin: an Introduction to Latin Poetry and Prose

Start date 7th October 2016 **End date** 9th October 2016

Venue Madingley Hall
Madingley
Cambridge

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Tutor biography

Christine graduated from the University of Reading where she undertook research into imagery in Virgil's *Aeneid*. Her doctoral thesis with the Open University examined Late Antique and Mediaeval manuscripts of the *Aeneid*. She is an experienced teacher of both secondary school students and adults. She seeks to inspire her students with a similar enthusiasm for the Classical world as she holds herself, not least by encouraging her students to look at artefacts in museums and, by organising visits to the Classical world.

Course programme

Please be aware that students must provide their own copies of *The Cambridge Latin Anthology* (ISBN 9780521578776).

Friday

Please plan to arrive between 16:30 and 18:30. You can meet other course members in the bar which opens at 18:15. Tea and coffee making facilities are available in the study bedrooms.

19:00	Dinner
20:30 – 22:00	Session 1 Reading and discussing passages from <i>The Cambridge Latin Anthology</i> with grammar and syntax input from tutor as necessary
22:00	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Saturday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Session 2 Reading and discussing passages from <i>The Cambridge Latin Anthology</i> with grammar and syntax input from tutor as necessary
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Session 3 Reading and discussing passages from <i>The Cambridge Latin Anthology</i> with grammar and syntax input from tutor as necessary
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Free
16:00	Tea
16:30 – 18:00	Session 4 Reading and discussing passages from <i>The Cambridge Latin Anthology</i> with grammar and syntax input from tutor as necessary
18:00 – 18:30	Free
18:30	Dinner
20:00 – 21:30	Session 5 Either Reading and discussing passages from <i>The Cambridge Latin Anthology</i> with grammar and syntax input from tutor as necessary Or Lecture TBA
21:30	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Sunday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Session 6 Reading and discussing passages from <i>The Cambridge Latin Anthology</i> with grammar and syntax input from tutor as necessary
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Session 7 Reading and discussing passages from <i>The Cambridge Latin Anthology</i> with grammar and syntax input from tutor as necessary
12:45	Lunch

The course will disperse after lunch

Course syllabus

Aims:

1. to extend knowledge of Latin grammar, syntax and vocabulary
2. to appreciate and enjoy the reading of texts in Latin.
3. to develop the ability to translate orally from Latin into English.
4. to develop an appreciation of literary style.
5. to appreciate the context in which the texts were written

Content:

The course will be based on *The Cambridge Latin Anthology* which contains a selection of passages from both verse and prose authors; each passage has a running vocabulary.

The tutor will explain and discuss fully the grammar and syntax and course members will be encouraged to discuss the content and style of each passage.

**Students must provide their own copies of *The Cambridge Latin Anthology*
ISBN 9780521578776 Price 12.75**

Presentation of the course:

Reading the text as a group, followed by discussion of the style of the individual passages, where appropriate.

Thorough analysis of the language structures and full explanation of both grammar and syntax as required.

Outcomes:

As a result of the course, within the constraints of the time available, students should be able to:

1. show an improved knowledge of Latin grammar, syntax and vocabulary.
2. demonstrate an increased appreciation and enjoyment of the reading of texts in Latin.
3. translate orally from Latin into English more effectively.
4. demonstrate an enhanced appreciation of literary style.
5. show a greater understanding of the context within which the texts were written.

Reading and resources list

Listed below are a number of texts that might be of interest for future reference, but do not need to be bought (or consulted) for the course.

Author	Title	Publisher and date
Scottish Classics Group	The Latin Language: a Handbook for Students	ISBN 9780050042878 1989 Out of print but available second hand

Website addresses

<http://www.cambridgescp.com>

Some of the activities for the later Units may be helpful for revising grammar and syntax
There is also a section devoted to The Cambridge Latin Anthology.

Note Students of the Institute of Continuing Education are entitled to 20% discount on books published by Cambridge University Press (CUP) which are purchased at the Press bookshop, 1 Trinity Street, Cambridge (Mon-Sat 9am – 5:30pm, Sun 11am – 5pm). A letter or email confirming acceptance on to a current Institute course should be taken as evidence of enrolment.

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