

Rome 2019: Latin Level 2 Course Overview

This program is provisional and subject to change in accord with the specific needs of the students.

Prerequisites:

The student can access this level either if he/she has completed the appropriate first level course organized by the Polis Institute in Rome or if he/she has completed the placement test.

Level 2 is for students with an elementary knowledge of Latin grammar and a background of at least 500 words of common vocabulary.

Objective:

Introduction to Classical Latin. The course will give the student a broad understanding of the basic morphology of Latin (case system, verb system and basic vocabulary) with the goal of being able to hold a basic conversation as well as to read and understand simple texts in Latin without translating.

Course topics:

All five nominal declensions

All 7 cases (nominative, genitive, dative, accusative, ablative, vocative, locative)

All types of adjectives (including i stems)

System of present tense, active and passive: indicative, imperative, infinitive (all conjugations)

System of the perfect tense active: indicative, infinitive (all conjugations)

System of future tense active: indicative (all conjugations)

Pronouns (qui, quis, hic, ille, iste, is)

Oratio obliqua with present and perfect tense

Class Format:

Polis method: Full immersion with use of various comprehensible input (CI) techniques, such as total physical response (TPR), participative storytelling (TPRS), and more.

Teaching aids:

Book "Forum"

Exams and grading system

- Three exams during the course
- Morphology and syntax exercises
- Short essay

Grade:

A: Excellence: 96 - 100%

B: Above the average standard: 86 - 95%

C: Average standard: 76 - 85%

D: Below the average standard: 66 - 75%

E: Minimum criteria to pass: 60 - 65%

E: Fail: 0 - 59%