

LATIN IV 2018-2019 COURSE OVERVIEW AND EXPECTATIONS

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Discipuli, welcome to the 2018-2019 school year!
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Below is a brief explanation of what I expect from you, what you should expect from me, and what you need to know/do to be successful.

Guidelines for Successful Study

- Maintain a running vocabulary on your own. You now are responsible for your own vocabulary acquisition.
- Keep a well-organized reference section somewhere in your notebook.
- Be prepared to encounter unfamiliar syntax and constructions. What we read may seem really difficult at first, but I promise you'll get the hang of it. Don't give up!!
- Ask questions if you have them.
- Keep an open mind (especially during discussions of poetry).
- PARTICIPATE.

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Classroom Expectations

- NOTHING SHOULD KEEP THE TEACHER FROM TEACHING
- NOTHING SHOULD KEEP THE STUDENT FROM LEARNING
- THIS CLASSROOM IS A SAFE PLACE

Materials for Daily Use In Class

- YOUR HOMEWORK (must be completed before class begins)
- THE APPROPRIATE TEXT(S)
- A LATIN NOTEBOOK
- PAPER AND SEVERAL WRITING UTENSILS

Homework

- Expect daily assignments/quizzes.
- Be prepared to ask questions about your homework the following day. Take note of HW confusions and things of interest. Often, students learn a lot from the questions and comments of other students.
- Always set aside time to study notes, vocabulary, and previous translations as part of your weekly routine (without my reminders).
- Homework may not be checked. The bulk of your grade will be based on quizzes and tests. Expect small quizzes very frequently.

Absences and Tardies

- You have one day of relief per day absent to make up work.
- Email me or ask your friends about what happened when you weren't in class.
- You are expected to take any quiz or test the day you get back. Work out the scheduling with me.
- As per the school policy, two tardies will be permitted per quarter. After the third tardy, you will receive a detention. Every tardy thereafter will receive a detention.

Grading

Your quarter grades will be calculated using a total point system.

Semester grades are calculated as such:

- 42.5% - Q1
- 42.5% - Q2
- 15% - Semester Exam

(n.b.- though INCENTIVE POINTS are not included on a daily basis in your grade, I reserve the right to "bump up" students' grades if they have consistently demonstrated their willingness to participate and are positive contributors to the class)

