LATN 5090 Latin for Reading

TR 6:00pm-9:00pm, LC

Course Description
This course offers a fast-paced overview of Latin grammar and an introduction to the reading of Latin texts. The course will focus on the three main areas of Latin grammar, which will be presented in the following order: 1) morphology (the declension of nouns, adjectives, and pronouns; the Latin verbal system; comparative and superlative forms of adjectives and adverbs); 2) syntax of the cases (the functions of each case in the context of a sentence; special uses of cases); 3) syntax of the sentence (subordination vs. coordination; indirect statements; the sequence of tenses).

Objectives
The two main and interrelated objectives of the course are: 1) to provide a solid foundation for the learning and mastery of Latin grammar and vocabulary, and 2) to teach the students how to apply the knowledge of the basics of Latin grammar and vocabulary to the reading of Latin texts.

Classwork
Class meetings will be divided in three segments. Each segment will last approximately 50-55 minutes and will be followed by a 5-10 minutes break. Typically, the first part of each class will be devoted to the explanation of the morphology and/or syntax assigned for the day, as well as to questions about any aspect of Latin grammar. In the second part, students will have the opportunity to ask questions about their homework and continue to practice through drills, group works, and quizzes. The third and last segment of the class will focus on the reading of Latin sentences and passages and an introduction to the history of Latin literature.

Academic Integrity
Course participants should be familiar with and adhere to Fordham’s standards of academic integrity (see: http://www.fordham.edu/academics/handbooks__publicati/undergraduate_academ/index.asp).

Texts
(available on amazon.com)