course syllabus
for course number: **U524-204**
course title: **Introduction to Latin Literature**
publishing year: __1999__

**Number of credits or CEUs:** __4____ credits  ____

**Prerequisites:** Latin 103 and 104 or 2 years of high school Latin or consent of adviser

**Course materials:**
*Required*
1. Course Guide

**Course description:** The 4th semester of undergraduate Latin, Latin 204 accompanies the Oxford Latin Reader in introducing the writings of Cicero, Caesar, Catullus, Vergil, Livy, and Ovid. Each unit presents selections for reading and interpretation, drill and translation, simple reports on syntax and style, and attention to the historical, cultural, and critical background.

**Unit topics:**
- Cicero iuvenis
- Cicero: consul, exsul, redux
- Cicero: proconsul Ciliciae
- Cicero: bellum civile et mors
- Caesar: in Britanniam I
- Caesar: in Britanniam II
- Caesar: insidiae in Gallia
- Caesar: castra Ciceronis obsessa
- Catullus suique amici
- Catullus: amores
- Catullus: excitus
- Vergil: Aeneas Carthagine
- Vergil: Dido et Aeneas
- Vergil: Dido in extremis
- Livius: Hannibal parat in Italiam proficisci
- Livius: Hannibal ad Alpes pervenit
- Livius: Hannibal Alpes superat
- Ovidius: vita narratur
- Ovidius: “tenerorum lusor amorum”
- Ovidius exsul

**Written assignments:** This course has 20 written assignments. Each of the 20 units in this course consist of a brief introduction, required readings, questions on the Latin
readings, and a written assignment to be submitted to the instructor. The written assignments involve working with the Latin reading selections in different ways—at times, you’re asked to translate or summarize, and at others to paraphrase or outline.

**Exams:** This course requires you to take 2 examinations—a midcourse exam after Unit 11 and a final exam after Unit 20. Both the midcourse and the final exams are closed-book exams; you will not be allowed to use your textbook or any other study materials during the exams. The midcourse exam concentrates on the work you’ve done in Units 1 through 11. It consists of 3 sections. Sections I and II each contain 2 subsections—one of translation and another with questions on the text of the Latin passages. Sections I and II each count for 40% of the total exam score. Section III contains 1 subsection of translation and counts for 20% of the total exam score. The final exam is cumulative. This merely means that it is not restricted in content to any one part of the course, but naturally tends to emphasize the information covered in its second half. In content, structure, and format the final exam is identical to the midcourse exam.

**Grading Information:** Since the emphasis in Latin U524-204 is on reading and comprehension of original works written by Latin authors, the grading of each written assignment will reflect this emphasis. Just as the written assignments and the midcourse and final exams will be uniform in content, structure, and format, so too will grading show an identical uniformity in emphasis on comprehension. Each exam will count as 10% of your final grade. Therefore, 80% of your final grade will be based on written assignments and 20% on proctored exams. You must pass the final exam to pass the course. The grading scale is as follows:

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