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Course Information Sheet  
Latin  
Course Number: 5X7

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Authentic grading: Bro. Charles gives you the grade you earn. No more No less

**Course description:** The Latin 1 course examines the grammar, syntax and vocabulary of the Latin language. Students will also study Roman history, culture and mythology through supplemental texts. Latin 1 is directed toward facilitating a students' understanding and translating Latin texts.

**Course Materials:** Students will need the following everyday in class.

1. Oxford Latin Course, Book 1 (2nd Edition)
2. Notebook specifically for Latin.
3. Pen/pencil

**Academic Integrity.** As a man, your honor is your most valuable commodity. Integrity is hard won but easily lost. It is presumed that you will do all your course work using the highest standards of integrity and honesty, as befits a Central Catholic student. Copied assignments, plagiarism of any kind or violations of the testing procedure will result in the loss of your integrity and the following sanction: ALL the parties involved in the violation of integrity will earn a "0" on the assignment. Students who do not value their integrity by cheating or violation of standard testing policy have no possibility of making up the assignment.

**Evaluation of Student:** The student will be evaluated on the quality of work in the following areas:

**Recitation:** Recitation is worth 50% of your quarter grade. What is recitation? It is the ability to correctly translate a sentence or passage that has been assigned for homework. It is called "recitation" because the students must at sight look at the passage/sentence and render a grammatically correct translation of the sentence. The grades for each class period's recitation will be awarded as follows:

| A+    | A      | B      | C      | D      | F      |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 10/10 | 9.7/10 | 8.9/10 | 8.1/10 | 7.3/10 | 6.7/10 |

These grades are awarded in such a way that an equal number of A's and B's will average to a 93 A. An equal number of B's and C's will average to an 85 B.

Each student will be gratuitously granted five 9.7's for each quarter. These will balance out five low grades that you may earn for a poor recitation. Each time (up to 5 times) a student is absent or in

any way not ready for a recitation, one of these gratuitous 9.7 will be deleted from your grade (ie changed into an "excused" but not a zero).

**All other class work, tests, quizzes, any other thing for a grade constitutes 50% of your grade.**

**Tests/Quizzes:** Test and Quizzes are given frequently and are worth from 5 to 100 points. Tests and large quizzes are usually announced two days in advance. Smaller quizzes are not always announced. Vocabulary quizzes are given often and rarely announced. Words for vocabulary quizzes are taken from the current reading and chapter.

**Homework:** Homework is assigned frequently. Written homework is to be done in your notebook and labeled properly. Homework every night is to study vocabulary for the current chapter and readings and sentences.

**Notebooks:** Students need a notebook specifically for Latin class. (Do not take notes on loose leaf paper. Do not share one notebook with another class.) A notebook is to be kept neat and complete. Notebooks may be collected and checked at the appropriate time in the course. In order to have a complete notebook, a student must have all notes for the chapter, all in class exercises, all non-collected homework assignments. If a student does not have a notebook or does not take notes, the student will earn a zero for his notebook check.

**Class Participation:** Constructive class participation is highly encouraged and keeps class lively. Constructive participation not only includes answering questions, but also includes respectful attention at prayer, being attentive, taking good notes, asking intelligent questions, being prepared for class and being on time for class.

**Truancy:** If you are truant from class you forfeit any points that you could have earned for that day's assignment (In class or homework). If you miss 100 point test because you are truant, you earn zero points from that assignment.

**How your grade is determined:** Each category of grades is worth 50% of your quarter grade. Your grade for Recitation (category 1) will be turned into a percentage. [EG 130/150 = 86.6%] Your grade for all other assignments (tests, quizzes, notebook) will be turned into a percentage. [EG 570/600 = 95.0%] So  $86.6 + 95.0 = 181.6/2 = 90.8$  B.

**Grade scale:** A+ 100 - 93      B 92 – 85      C 84 - 75      D 74-70      F <69

**Preparation:** Be prepared at all times. This means have your Book, Pen/pencil, and be cognizant of the current classroom activity. You will lose points if you are unprepared.

**Policies:**

All work not completed for any reason, earns a zero.

The student is responsible for completing all notes, class work, assignments, tests and quizzes. If absent from class be sure to copy your class work and notes from another student.

No work will be accepted late.

If you are absent on the day a graded assignment is due, turn in the assignment immediately upon your return to school.

If you are absent on the day homework is assigned: Call a friend to find out what work you missed. Turn in missed work immediately.

Other things to do and know:

1. Proper way to head anything to be turned in: Name (left side), PoG (center), Date (right side)
2. Do not ask Brother Charles about your grades or your missing work during class time. Meet Bro. Charles after school by going to the faculty room. Bro. Charles is available 2:20-2:45 on most days.
3. Points off for completing other homework during my class. Your homework may be confiscated, defenestrated, not returned, ripped up or some other devious penalty
4. Do not give brother Charles papers/assignments in the cafeteria or hallway. Wait until he is in class.
5. When we go over a homework or exercise in class, make the corrections at your seat. Mistakes are OK because through mistakes is how you learn.
6. When in doubt about how you are to behave, remain quiet.
7. Even though Bro. Charles raises his voice often, keep asking questions if you do not understand the topic. Make sure you raise your hand and wait patiently to be called on. If enough people ask questions, Bro. Charles will come up with other explanations and more examples.
8. Bro. Charles does not know how to round your grade up. If you want the higher grade, work 1% harder. He does not know how to curve grades either.

**Make the step up to accept your full Vikinghood.**