Westbrook School Department

Course Blueprint

Content Area / Grade Level: MCL / Grades 9-12

Course Title

Latin 1

Course Description

This is an introductory course in the study of Latin and the history and culture of the ancient Greeks and Romans. Students will begin reading the language on day one and progress to being able to translate long passages, as they learn basic Latin grammar and vocabulary. They will also explore history and compare and contrast the culture of the ancients with our own. Students will see immediate connections to most other academic disciplines, especially English via grammar and vocabulary.

Westbrook Learning Standards

- Comparison of Products, Practices and Perspectives
- Interpretive Communication
- Presentational Communication

Guiding Principles / Vision of the Graduate

- Integrative and Informed Thinker
- Responsible and Involved Citizen
- Self-Directed and Lifelong Learner
- Clear and Effective Communicator
- Creative and Practical Problem Solver

Expected Outcomes - Expectations for students upon completion of the course.

Students will be able to:

- read and analyze entire passages of Latin
- compare Latin root words with their English derivatives
- compose basic Latin sentences
- analyze noun endings in the nominative, dative and accusative cases, both singular and plural
- distinguish between present, imperfect and perfect tenses
- explain key differences between daily life, entertainment, slavery, and elections in Classical Antiquity and those of American culture and history

Core Units of Study - Each course has 4 - 6 Core Units of Study which are required and in which all targeted learning standards are embedded.

1. The Villa & Daily Life (Stages 1-2)
2. Business & The Forum (Stages 3-4)
3. The Theater & Slavery (Stages 5-6)
4. Burial Customs, Philosophy, and the Arena (Stages 7-8)
5. The Baths & Education (Stages 9-10)
6. Politics & Vesuvius (Stages 11-12)