

Latin All Around Us (Latin Yesterday, Today and Forever)

2012 Course Information

Venues / times as advertised

Brief details of the proposed topics to be covered each week

Week 1

A Brief History of Latin

A richly illustrated session tracing the roller-coaster journey of how and why Latin travelled through the centuries to be part of our own 21st century lives. We discover how and where Latin is all around us today.

Week 2

The Body of Latin

Exploring the shape of Latin nouns and the patterns we have inherited from them. This includes a special (and ever popular) use of a trip through our anatomy.

Week 3

A Piece of the Action

We discover the simple rules that make Latin verbs easy to comprehend and explore modern examples.

Week 4

Case Studies

Demystifying the ways Latin nouns change their endings. We already use these every day without even noticing it ...

Week 5

Defining Qualities

Adjectives bring colour to Latin – in Ancient Rome and now. We learn how they work and see that they are still all around us today.

All sessions are fully illustrated.

These five weeks cover three golden rules that are at the heart of translating Latin. These are often new concepts to those unfamiliar with linguistics but learning these and seeing how Latin lurks hidden within English (giving it great depth of meaning) dramatically improve literacy and foster a love of 'playing with words' which lasts long after the course has ended.

The starter course can be followed in the following term by a ten-week course that builds on these basics and includes several half-sessions that explore the areas of our modern lives in which Latin and the Romans continue to add depth and hidden meaning to.



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