



Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

LATD01, Latin: Introduction to Language and Culture, 7.5 credits

Latin: Introduktion till språk och kultur, 7,5 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2025-12-01 (U 2025/912). The syllabus comes into effect 2025-12-01 and is valid from the spring semester 2026.

General information

Subject: Latin

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It can normally be included in a first or second-cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of study

Specialisation

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G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the student shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- recognise basic grammatical structures in simple Latin text and master a core and limited vocabulary
- summarise the role of Latin in history, literature, religion, culture and language development from ancient to modern times
- identify key features of the cultural and historical development of Latin as a common language of communication and education,

Competence and skills

- conjugate basic forms of nouns, adjectives and verbs in Latin,
- identify parts of speech and correctly use and understand the six Latin cases,
- translate simple Latin texts into Swedish using a glossary,

Judgement and approach

- reflect on their own learning and develop strategies for learning and using Latin.

Course content

The course provides an introduction to Latin as one of the most influential languages in the history of European culture and ideas.

The course covers the basic grammatical structure of Latin, its forms and key vocabulary. Students practise translating simple Latin textbook texts into Swedish and develop an understanding of the structure of the language.

The course also includes reading popular literature that highlights the importance of Latin in history, literature, religion, culture and language development. This will orientate students in the historical contexts in which Latin has served as a common medium of learning and communication, from antiquity to modern times.

Course design

Teaching consists of interactive lectures and online group exercises. The student also works independently with pre-recorded lectures, texts and exercises. The course includes 4-5 compulsory assignments.

The course makes use of an online learning platform. Students are required to participate on this basis and to have access to a computer with an internet connection and a webcam. The department will provide information about the technical requirements.

Unless there are special circumstances, students must attend at least 50% of the interactive lectures. Absence can be compensated for with oral presentations. This opportunity is offered to students who have been unable to participate in compulsory components due to circumstances out of their control such as accidents, sudden illness or similar. This also applies to students who have missed teaching sessions because of duties as an elected student representative.

Assessment

The assessment is based on a digitally supervised written exam.

Camera monitoring takes place in real time. No recording takes place. Monitoring in real time is required in order to assess the student's knowledge without the student having access to aids.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

A pass grade for the course requires that the compulsory elements have been completed in an acceptable manner. The grade of the written exam determines the grade of the course.

Entry requirements

General requirements

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
- The number of credits allocated for course content that is shared in whole or in part with another course can only be credited once for a degree.
- For further details, see the current registration and information material.