

Latin 215/315: Intermediate/Advanced Latin  
Fall Semester 2013  
Syllabus

- Time and place: TTh 9:30–10:45, Ruter 106.
- Instructor: Judson Herrman, <jherrman@allegheny.edu>.  
Office hours: every day (when classes are in session) 11:00–12:15 in Ruter 304.
- Description: this course will develop Latin reading skills with a focus on Roman biography and autobiography. We will focus on increasing Latin reading speed and comprehension. We will pay attention to the historical and cultural context of these works, and will also consider the literary themes and different interests and methods of the various authors we read. We will also read and discuss a sample of relevant secondary scholarship. Occasional grammar review will be introduced as needed.
- Requirements: attendance of all meetings is expected and any absences should be pre-arranged if possible. Course grade will be based on the following:
  - Daily preparation and participation (20%).
  - Regular quizzes focusing on translation (45%).
  - For 215 students only: regular grammar review reading and written homework assignments (15%).
  - For 315 students only: essay of three to four pages, incorporating a close reading of (parts of) the text and reacting to secondary scholarship (15%; due 3 Dec.); and extra reading from Suetonius' *Life of Claudius*, for which 315 students will be responsible on quizzes (215 students will not).
  - Final exam focusing on translation and grammar of seen and unseen material (20%; scheduled for Thur. 12 Dec., 7:00pm).
- Textbooks:
  - Cynthia Damon, *Nepos Life of Atticus* (Bryn Mawr Commentaries, 1993).
  - Cynthia Damon, *Res Gestae Divi Augusti* (Bryn Mawr Commentaries, 1995).
  - Donna W. Hurley, *Suetonius: Diuus Claudius* (Cambridge University Press, 2001). For 315 only.
  - James Morwood, *A Latin Grammar* (Oxford University Press, 2000). For 215 only.
  - Josiah Osgood, *A Suetonius Reader: Selections from the Lives of the Caesars and the Life of Horace* (Bolchazy-Carducci, 2011).
- Website: see <<http://www.jherrman.net/lat-315-2013.html>>.
- Provisional schedule:
  - Tue. 27 Aug. Course introduction; sight reading of Nepos, *Atticus* 1.
  - Thur. 29 Aug. Nepos, *Atticus* 2–4.
  - Tue. 3 Sept. Nepos, *Atticus* 4–6.
  - Thur. 5 Sept. 215 grammar (indirect statement); 315 *Claudius* (chap. 1).
  - Tue. 10 Sept. Nepos, *Atticus* 7–9.
  - Thur. 12 Sept. Nepos, *Atticus* 10–11.
  - Tue. 17 Sept. Quiz and *Claudius* sight reading (chap. 2).
  - Thur. 19 Sept. Nepos, *Atticus* 12–13.

- Tue. 24 Sept. 215 grammar (indirect command and questions); 315 *Claudius* (chap. 3–4).
- Thur. 26 Sept. Nepos, *Atticus* 14–17.
- Tue. 1 Oct. Nepos, *Atticus* 18–19.
- Thur. 3 Oct. Nepos, *Atticus* 21–22.
- Tue. 8 Oct. Osgood, Assassination of Caesar (pp. 1–3).
- Thur. 10 Oct. Quiz and *Claudius* sight reading (chap. 4).
- Thur. 17 Oct. 215 grammar (participles and conditions); 315 *Claudius* (chap. 5–8).
- Tue. 22 Oct. Osgood, Work habits parts 1–2, Tiberius on Capri lines 1–20 (pp. 3–5).
- Thur. 24 Oct. Osgood, Tiberius on Capri (pp. 5–7).
- Thur. 31 Oct. Osgood, Tiberius on Capri cont, Caligula’s capers into chap. 55 (pp. 7–10).
- Tue. 5 Nov. 215 grammar (clauses of purpose, result, fear); 315 *Claudius* (chap. 9–10).
- Thur. 7 Nov. Osgood, Caligula’s capers, Claudius the scholar lines 1–25 (pp. 10–12).
- Tue. 12 Nov. Quiz and *Claudius* sight reading (chap. 11).
- Thur. 14 Nov. Osgood, Claudius the scholar, Nero the artist lines 1–42 (pp. 12–14).
- Tue. 19 Nov. Osgood, Nero the artist, Galba’s family (pp. 14–16).
- Thur. 21 Nov. 215 grammar (cum and dum clauses); 315 *Claudius* (chap. 12–14).
- Tue. 26 Nov. Osgood, Otho’s youth, Vitellius the glutton, work habits of Vespasian lines 1–11 (pp. 17–19).
- Tue. 3 Dec. Osgood, work habits of Vespasian, Titus and the eruption, Difficulties for Domitian (pp. 19–22). 315 essay due.
- Thur. 5 Dec. Osgood, *Vita Horati* (pp. 22–24).
- Tue. 10 Dec. 215 grammar (gerunds and gerundives); 315 *Claudius* (chap. 15–16).