

Latin 315: Advanced Latin
Spring Semester 2010
Syllabus

- Time and location: MWF, 10:00 – 10:50, Ruter 103.
- Instructor: Judson Herrman, jherrman@allegheny.edu, Ruter Hall 304, 332–2329. Office hours: MW 9:00 – 10:00, TTh 10:45 – 12:15, F 11:00 – 12:00.
- Description: this course will develop Latin reading skills with a focus on Lucretius' *De Rerum Natura*, the first surviving Roman epic poem. We will focus on increasing Latin reading speed and comprehension. We will also pay attention to the poetic style and the philosophical argument of the work. We will read select passages in Latin, and the entire poem in English. 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 (50%).
 - Essay of three to five pages, incorporating a close reading of (parts of) the poem (15%; due April 23)
 - Final exam focusing on translation and grammar of seen and unseen material (15%; scheduled for 9:00am, May 10).
- Textbooks:
 - W. Englert, *Lucretius. On the nature of things* (Newburyport, 2003). ISBN: 0941051218.
 - W. Leonard and S. Smith, *Lucretius. De rerum natura* (Madison, 1942). ISBN: 0299003620.
 - C. Lewis, *Elementary Latin dictionary* (Oxford, 1981). ISBN: 0199102058.
- Provisional schedule (passages to consider: 1.1–328 on introduction, atoms, 2.1–61 on human toils, 3.1–93 on Epicurus and fear of death, 3.830–1094 on death and mortality, 5.925–1457 on origins of human society, 6.535–711 on geology, 6.1138–1286 on plague):

Wed. 20 Jan.	1.1–22	Wed. 10 March	5.964–985; Englert 5
Fri. 22 Jan.	1.23–66	Fri. 12 March	5.986–1029
Mon. 25 Jan.	1.67–110	Mon. 15 March	5.1030–1073
Wed. 27 Jan.	1.111–154	Wed. 17 March	Quiz; 5.1074–1095
Fri. 29 Jan.	1.155–176; Englert 1	Fri. 19 March	5.1096–1139
Mon. 1 Feb.	1.177–220	Mon. 29 March	5.1140–1183
Wed. 3 Feb.	1.221–264	Wed. 31 March	5.1184–1227
Fri. 5 Feb.	1.265–308	Fri. 2 April	5.1228–1271
Mon. 8 Feb.	Quiz; 1.313–328, 2.1-2	Mon. 5 April	5.1272–1315
Wed. 10 Feb.	2.3–24; Englert 2	Wed. 7 April	5.1316–1359
Fri. 12 Feb.	2.48–61, 3.1–7	Fri. 9 April	5.1360–1403
Mon. 15 Feb.	3.8–29; Englert 3	Mon. 12 April	5.1404–1425, 6.535–557
Wed. 17 Feb.	3.30–73	Wed. 14 April	Quiz; Englert 6
Fri. 19 Feb.	3.74–93, 3.830–854	Fri. 16 April	6.558–601
Mon. 22 Feb.	3.855–898	Mon. 19 April	6.602–645
Wed. 24 Feb.	3.899–942	Wed. 21 April	6.646–689
Fri. 26 Feb.	Quiz; Englert 4	Fri. 23 April	6.690–711, essay due
Mon. 1 March	3.943–987	Mon. 26 April	6.1138–1182
Wed. 3 March	3.988–1031	Wed. 28 April	6.1183–1226
Fri. 5 March	3.1032–1076	Fri. 30 April	6.1227–1270
Mon. 8 March	3.1077–1094, 5.945–963	Mon. 3 May	6.1271–1286