

Residential Intensive Intermediate/Advanced Latin
May 21-29, 2018
The Davenant House, Landrum, SC

Purpose and Overview

It is one thing to memorize Latin grammar and vocabulary, and another to read historic Latin texts. This course is intended to help Latin students and teachers develop the skill of fluent Latin reading while they also gain experience in spoken Latin and active language pedagogy. The instructor, Michael Spangler, has taught Latin to students of all ages, and he will lead the participants in Latin conversation, recitation, singing, games, and drama, with the largest amount of time spent on careful reading and discussion of brief Latin texts drawn from two millennia of classical and Christian literature.

Registrants will be expected to have completed a full introductory course in Latin grammar, the equivalent of two college semesters or mastery of a beginning textbook (Wheelock, Ørberg, etc.). A brief entrance exam is required before enrollment. By May 1 registered participants will receive a course packet with the Latin excerpts, which they will be expected to read carefully before the course begins.

Required Resources

Course Notebook (to be sent to registered students on May 1, 2018). It will include intermediate texts for sight-reading during our week together and advanced texts for reading beforehand. The latter will be taken from:

- Aquinas, *Epistola de Modo Studendi*
- à Kempis, *De Imitatione Christi*
- Augustine, *Confessiones*
- Calvin, *Supplex Exhortatio*
- Van Mastricht, *Theoretico-Practica Theologia*
- Cicero, *Pro Archia*
- Livy, *Ab Urbe Condita*
- Virgil, *Aeneis*

Instructor

Michael Spangler has taught Latin in elementary, middle, and high school, and most recently at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in South Carolina. He is currently editing a translation of Petrus Van Mastricht's 1698 *Theoretico-Practica Theologia* for the Dutch Reformed Translation Society and is seeking ordination as a minister in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. He has participated in the University of Kentucky's *Conventiculum Latine Loquentium*, recently earned his MDiv from Greenville Seminary, and holds a BA from Davidson College. Michael can be contacted at michaeltspangler@gmail.com or (336) 414-8783.

Normal Day Schedule

7:30 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
8:00	<i>Breakfast</i>
9-10:15	<i>First Session</i>
10:30-11:45	<i>Second Session</i>
12:00 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2-3:15	<i>Third Session</i>
3:30-5:00	<i>Fourth Session</i>
6:00	<i>Dinner</i>
7:00	<i>Evening Prayer</i>

Note that all meals, the first Monday lunch through final Tuesday lunch, are provided in the registration fees, except for dinner on Friday, May 25.

Special Event Schedule, May 21-29

Monday, May 21

11am: Arrival
12pm: Lunch
1pm: First session

Tuesday, May 22

Evening session: *Latin in Classical Music*

Thursday, May 24

Evening Session: *Latin Drama*

Friday, May 25, Dinner in town

Saturday, May 26

Special morning session: *Botanical Latin*

Sunday, May 27

No sessions. Enjoy the Lord's Day!

Tuesday, May 29

1pm: *Latin Concert*

3pm: Departure

Most of our time will be committed to four categories of activities:

1. Extensive reading. We will sight-read large amounts of intermediate Latin text to develop fluency and delight in Latin reading.
2. Intensive reading. We will carefully re-read and discuss key historical excerpts to hone our skills in reading, analysis, teaching, and translating.
3. Latin grammar. We will review Latin grammar with various exercises in order to improve our reading and teaching.
4. Latin activities. We will enjoy Latin conversations, games, skits, singing, and other activities aimed at bringing delight and success in Latin learning.