

Davenant Latin Institute
Residential Intensive Introduction to Latin
May 22-27, 2017 at the Davenant House

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Course Purpose

This course provides an excellent opportunity to build and refine your Latin skills. From the first day participants will be immersed in Latin through listening, speaking, reading, and writing. They will master the first ten chapters of the engaging narrative of Hans Ørberg's *Lingua Latina*, memorize Latin creeds and hymns, and enjoy conversations, music, and games, all which will help them learn and internalize Latin grammar, syntax, and vocabulary, as well as whet their appetite for further study. The course is intended primarily for beginners who have no previous experience with Latin. Those who know some Latin grammar but who desire to develop their reading ability are also welcome to enroll, as are Latin teachers who want to begin using active Latin in their classrooms. After this week, successful students should be able to place out of the first half of Davenant's regular introductory course, LAT 501, or the summer intensive, LAT511.

Required Textbooks

Textbook: Hans Ørberg. *Lingua Latina per se Illustrata: Pars I, Familia Romana*. Focus, 2011.

Workbook: Hans Ørberg. *Exercitia Latina I*. Focus, 2005.

Supplement: Hans Ørberg. *Colloquia Personarum*. Focus, 2006.

Grammar Aid: Jeanne Neumann. *A Companion to Familia Romana*. Focus, 2016.

Please arrive with these books in hand. Other resources will be distributed as needed.

Events

Morning & Evening Prayer. We will begin and end our day in thankful praise to God, asking through Christ his blessing on our studies. We will incorporate Latin prayers, creeds, and hymns as students learn them.

Meals. Meals are provided by the Davenant House as part of tuition. Students will be asked to join a rotation to help with preparation and clean up. Each day's lunch will feature guided conversations in Latin.

Sessions. The main part of the day will be four one hour and fifteen minute sessions, led by Michael. The larger part of the sessions will include reading the Ørberg textbook, explaining the grammar, and doing carefully selected exercises, all out loud together in Latin. The rest of the time will be spent with key historical Latin texts, including the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed, the ancient hymn *Te Deum Laudamus*, and sixteenth-century metrical settings of the Psalms.

Exercises. Two hours each day, one before and one following the afternoon sessions, will be devoted to individual and small group exercises designed to help students master the material taught in the sessions. During these times Michael will be available to give assistance and to answer questions.

Special Events. After evening prayer, we will enjoy and improve our Latin with a variety of events, including listening to Latin classical music, watching and performing Latin drama, and playing Latin board games. On Thursday night, we will enjoy a Grand Symposium featuring special Roman spiced wines and spirited philosophical discussion in Latin. Friday evening will be free. The final event on Saturday will be a Latin concert, and those interested in performing will prepare throughout the week during exercise time. If you play a musical instrument and can bring it, please do!

Daily Schedule

Monday-Friday, May 22-26
(Monday begins at Lunch)

7:30am: Morning Prayer
8am: Breakfast
9-10:15am: Session 1
10:30-11:45am: Session 2
12pm: Lunch
1pm: Exercises
2-3:15pm: Session 3
3:30-4:45pm: Session 4
5pm: Exercises
6pm: Dinner

7pm: Evening Prayer
8pm: Special Event

Saturday, May 27

7:30am: Morning Prayer
8am: Breakfast
9-10:15am: Session 1
10:30-11:45am: Session 2
12pm: Lunch
1pm: Closing Concert
2pm: Depart