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Important: Changes to this syllabus

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1 Why choose this syllabus?

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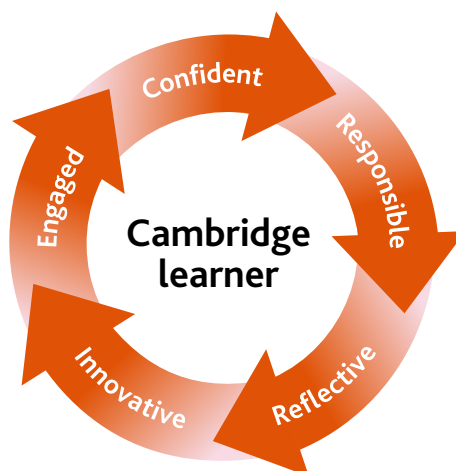
This Latin syllabus aims to develop learners' ability to understand Latin vocabulary, morphology and syntax, and to read, understand and appreciate some of the best of Latin literature.

Learners will develop an analytical approach to language and be better equipped to compare the structures of Latin with those of other languages, as well as be able to recognise the impact of Latin on modern English. The course also encourages learners to develop an appreciation of literature, in terms of both its content and style, and of its social and historical context.

Cambridge IGCSE Latin enables learners to gain:

- the ability to translate and understand Latin, and to relate the linguistic structures and vocabulary of Latin to other languages, including English
- an appreciation of some of the literature which forms much of the foundation of the Western tradition
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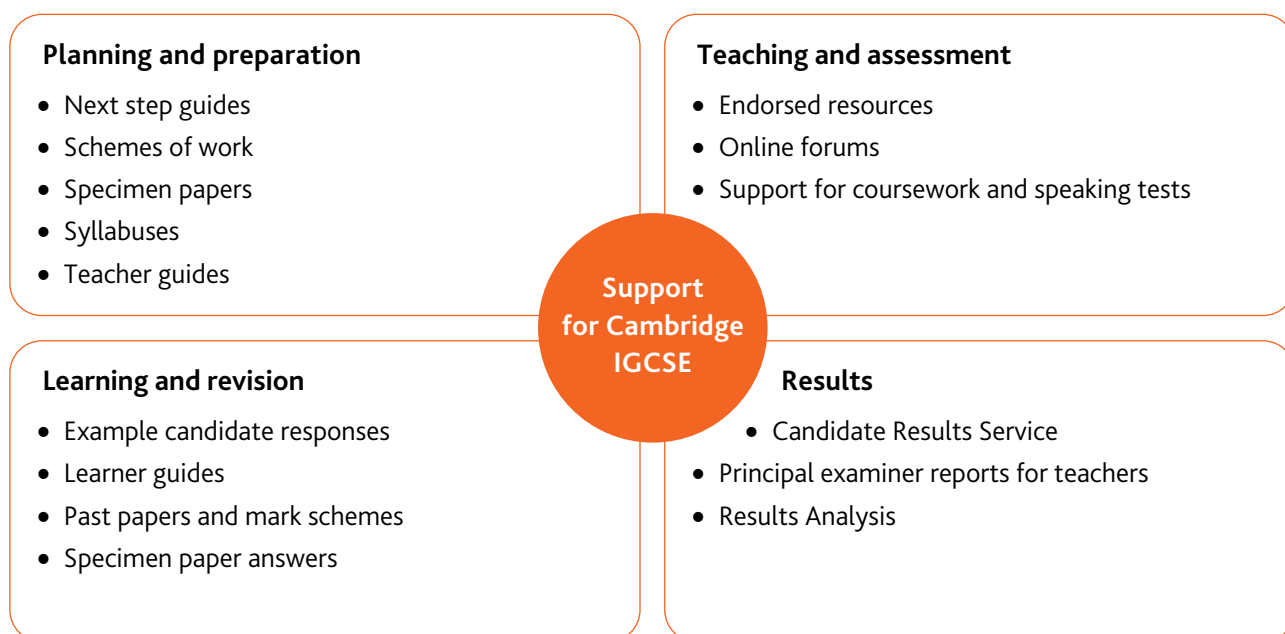
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2 Syllabus overview

Aims

The aims of the Cambridge IGCSE Latin syllabus are to enable candidates to develop:

- an understanding of the Latin language
- the ability to read, understand, appreciate and respond to some Latin literature
- an understanding of some of the elements of Roman civilisation
- an analytical approach to language by seeing English in relation to a language of very different structure and by observing the influence of Latin on English
- an awareness of the motives and attitudes of people of a different time and culture, while considering the legacy of Rome to the modern world
- a greater understanding of a range of aesthetic, ethical, linguistic, political, religious and social issues
- an excellent foundation of knowledge for advanced study.

Content overview

The Cambridge IGCSE Latin syllabus places equal emphasis on the study of the Latin language and the study of Latin prose and verse literature in its social and historical context. No particular course is specified for this syllabus.

Assessment overview

All candidates take two components. Candidates will be eligible for grades A* to G.

All candidates take:		and:	
Paper 1	1 hour 30 minutes	Paper 2	1 hour 30 minutes
Language	50%	Literature	50%
160 marks		80 marks	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are two sections in this paper. • In Section A, candidates translate a passage of Latin prose into English. • In Section B, candidates answer comprehension questions on a passage of Latin prose and give four English words which derive from given Latin words. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates answer questions on the prescribed texts. • Questions test comprehension, translation, scansion and appreciation of the literature. 	
Externally assessed		Externally assessed	

Information on availability is in the **Before you start** section.

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Assessment objectives

The assessment objectives (AOs) are:

AO1 Linguistic knowledge with understanding

To pass Cambridge IGCSE Latin, candidates should be able to:

- express, according to context, the meaning of linguistic elements (vocabulary, morphology and syntax)
- express, according to context, the meaning of Latin sentences written in Latin word order
- translate a passage of Latin into English
- understand the details and general meaning of a passage of Latin
- give English words which derive from given Latin words.

AO2 Literary knowledge with understanding

To pass Cambridge IGCSE Latin, candidates should be able to:

- describe character, action and context
- select details from the text
- explain meanings and references
- translate a portion of the text
- explain matters relating to the social and historical context
- scan two lines of hexameter verse.

AO3 Literary criticism with personal response

To pass Cambridge IGCSE Latin, candidates should be able to:

- analyse and evaluate style, tone and metre (where appropriate)
- select evidence to make judgements on the social and historical context
- make a reasoned personal response to the literature.

Weighting for assessment objectives

The approximate weightings allocated to each of the assessment objectives (AOs) are summarised below.

Assessment objectives as a percentage of the qualification

Assessment objective	Weighting in IGCSE %
AO1 Linguistic knowledge with understanding	50
AO2 Literary knowledge with understanding	25–30
AO3 Literary criticism with personal response	20–25
Total	100

Assessment objectives as a percentage of each component

Assessment objective	Weighting in components %	
	Paper 1	Paper 2
AO1 Linguistic knowledge with understanding	100	–
AO2 Literary knowledge with understanding	–	50–60
AO3 Literary criticism with personal response	–	40–50
Total	100	100

3 Subject content

This syllabus gives you the flexibility to design a course that will interest, challenge and engage your learners. Where appropriate you are responsible for selecting topics, subject contexts, resources and examples to support your learners' study. These should be appropriate for the learners' age, cultural background and learning context as well as complying with your school policies and local legal requirements.

Paper 1: Language

Vocabulary

A detailed vocabulary list is available in section 4.

Morphology

Nouns	the five declensions and irregular nouns from the vocabulary list.
Adjectives	of first, second and third declension.
Comparison of adjectives	all regular examples, including those in <i>-ilis</i> ; irregular adjectives <i>bonus, malus, magnus, parvus, multus, pauci</i> .
Adverbs and comparison of adverbs	all adverbial equivalents of regular adjectives and the irregular adjectives given above; also <i>diu, prope, saepe</i> .
Pronouns (etc.)	<i>ego, tu, nos, vos, is, se, hic, ille, idem, ipse, iste, qui, quidam, quis, aliquis, quisque, nullus, solus, totus, alius, alter, uter</i> .
Verbs	all parts of regular and irregular verbs, including deponent, semi-deponent and defective verbs <i>odi, coepi, memini</i> , but only <i>inquit</i> from <i>inquam</i> ; common compounds, e.g. <i>transeo = trans + eo</i> .
Prepositions	(a) those with the accusative: <i>ad, ante, apud, circum, contra, extra, inter, intra, ob, per, post, praeter, prope, propter, trans</i> ; (b) those with the ablative: <i>a (ab), cum, de, e (ex), pro, sine</i> ; (c) those with the accusative and the ablative: <i>in, sub, super</i> .
Numerals	cardinal: 1 to 100, 500, 1000; ordinal: 1st to 10th.

Syntax

- Case usage
- Agent and instrument
- Expressions of place, time and space
- Expressions of price and value
- Verbs used with dative and ablative
- Ablative absolute
- Partitive genitive
- Verbs used with prolative infinitive
- Gerunds and gerundives
- Direct questions, including -ne, nonne, num and interrogative pronouns, adjectives and adverbs
- Direct command (2nd person)
- Prohibitions using noli, nolite
- Indirect statement
- Indirect command with prolative infinitive
- Conditional clauses with the indicative
- Common impersonal verbs
- Causal clauses with indicative (quod, quia, quoniam)
- Temporal clauses with indicative (including dum with the present)
- Concessive clauses with indicative (quamquam, etiamsi)
- Comparison clauses with indicative
- Indirect command with ut and ne
- Indirect question
- Purpose and result clauses
- Clauses of fearing
- Conditional sentences with subjunctive
- Causal clauses with subjunctive
- Temporal clauses with subjunctive
- Concessive clauses with subjunctive (quamvis, licet, cum, etiamsi)

Paper 2: Literature

The prescribed texts for 2023, 2024 and 2025 are listed below.

Verse

Virgil, *Aeneid* Book 3, lines 209–277 (*servatum ex ... litore puppes*) and lines 588–691 (*postera iamque dies ... infelicis Ulixi*).

No particular edition is specified as availability differs widely between countries.

Prose

Introducing Cicero, Chapter 2, A Useful Lesson and Chapter 5, Theft from Segesta. (Scottish Classics Group, 2013 – other editions are available.)

4 Details of the assessment

Paper 1 Language

160 marks, 1 hour 30 mins

Candidates must answer both Section A and Section B.

In Section A, candidates translate into English a passage of Latin prose. The translation passage will be approximately 120 words in length. Candidates are expected to render the translation passage into sensible English and not rely on a word-for-word substitution translation. The maximum mark for Section A is 110.

In Section B, candidates answer comprehension questions on a passage of Latin prose. One question tests understanding of the derivation of English words from Latin words contained in the passage. The maximum mark for Section B is 50.

Paper 2 Literature

80 marks, 1 hour 30 mins

Candidates must answer all the questions.

This paper contains two passages from each of the prescribed texts with questions on each passage. Through answering the questions, candidates are expected to show understanding of the literature, with reference to its subject matter, presentation, genre, metre and background. In addition, the questions test candidates' ability to translate the text. On each text there is one 10-mark question, which asks candidates to express opinions on matters relating to the social and historical context of the literature and/or the literature itself. Candidates are expected to support their opinions with evidence from the texts.

Vocabulary list

In addition to words on the list, candidates will be expected to be familiar with:

- all adverbial equivalents of regular adjectives, as well as those of irregular adjectives listed here
- comparative and superlative forms of adjectives and adverbs as detailed above
- cardinal numbers 1 to 100, 500, 1000, and ordinals 1st to 10th
- compound verbs which are formed using prepositions in the list, e.g. *transeo*.

Proper nouns and related adjectives (excluding *Italia*, *Roma* and *Romanus*) will be glossed.

Key

<i>ind.</i> indicative	<i>abl.</i> ablative
<i>subj.</i> subjunctive	<i>sg.</i> singular
<i>dep.</i> deponent	<i>pl.</i> plural
(1), (2), (3), (4) first, second, third, fourth conjugation	<i>m.</i> masculine
<i>acc.</i> accusative	<i>f.</i> feminine
<i>gen.</i> genitive	<i>n.</i> neuter
<i>dat.</i> dative	

A

a (ab) + <i>abl.</i>	by, from
absum, abesse, afui	I am absent, I am away
accipio, -ere, accipi, acceptum	I receive, I accept
acer, acris, acre	keen, fierce
ac, atque	and
ad + <i>acc.</i>	to, towards, near
adeo	to such an extent, so much
adhuc	still, up till now
adiuvo (1)	I help
adsum, adesse, adfui	I am present, I am here
advenio (4)	I reach, I arrive
adulescens, adulescentis <i>m f.</i>	young man, young woman
aedifico (1)	I build
aeger, -gra, -grum	ill, sick
ager, agri <i>m</i>	field
aggredior, aggredi, aggressus sum	I attack
agmen, agminis <i>n.</i>	column (of men)
ago, -ere, egi, actum	I do, drive, spend (time)
gratias ago	I give thanks
agricola, agricolae <i>m</i>	farmer
aliquis, -qua, -quid	someone, anyone
alius, -a, -ud (alii ... alii)	another, other (some ... others)

alter, altera, alterum	the other, second
altus, -a, -um	high, deep
ambulo (1)	I walk
amica, amicae <i>f.</i>	friend (female)
amicus, amici <i>m.</i>	friend (male)
amitto, -ere, amisi, amissum	I lose
amo (1)	I love
amor, amoris <i>m.</i>	love
an (utrum ... an)	or (whether ... or)
ancilla, ancillae <i>f.</i>	slave-girl, maid
animus, animi <i>m.</i>	mind, heart, feeling, spirit
in animo habeo (2)	I have in mind, I intend
annus, anni <i>m.</i>	year
ante + <i>acc.</i>	before, in front of
antea	previously
appareo (2)	I appear
appropinquo (1) + <i>dat.</i>	I approach
aptus, -a, -um	suitable, appropriate
apud + <i>acc.</i>	with, among, at the house of
aqua, aquae <i>f.</i>	water
arcesso, -ere, -ivi, -itum	I summon, I call
arbor, arboris <i>f.</i>	tree
arma, armorum <i>n. pl.</i>	arms, weapons
ars, artis <i>f.</i>	art, skill
ascendo, -ere, ascendi, ascensum	I climb, I go up
atrox, atrocis <i>m. f. n.</i>	harsh, terrible
attonitus, -a, -um	astonished
audax, audacis <i>m. f. n.</i>	bold
audeo, -ere, ausus sum	I dare
audio (4)	I hear
aufero, auferre, abstuli, ablatum	I take away, I steal
aut (aut ... aut)	or (either ... or)
autem	but, however
auxilium, auxilii <i>n.</i>	help

B

barbarus, -a, -um	barbarian
bellum, belli <i>n.</i>	war
bene	well
benignus, -a, -um	kind
bibo, -ere, bibi, –	I drink
bonus, -a, -um	good
brevis, -is, -e	short

C

cado, -ere, cecidi, casum	I fall
caedo, -ere, cecidi, caesum	I cut, I kill
caelum, caeli <i>n.</i>	sky
callidus, -a, -um	clever, cunning
campus, campi <i>m.</i>	plain
canis, canis <i>m. f.</i>	dog
capio, -ere, cepi, captum	I take, I capture
captivus, captivi <i>m.</i>	prisoner
caput, capitis <i>n.</i>	head
carus, -a, -um	dear
castra, castrorum <i>n. pl.</i>	camp
casus, casus <i>m.</i>	event, accident, misfortune
causa, causae <i>f.</i>	cause, reason
cedo, -ere, cessi, cessum	I go, I give way, I yield
celer, -is, -e	swift, fast
celo (1)	I hide, I conceal
cena, cenae <i>f.</i>	dinner
ceno (1)	I dine
centurio, centurionis <i>m.</i>	centurion
certus, -a, -um	certain, definite
ceteri, -ae, -a	the rest (of)
cibus, cibi <i>m.</i>	food
circum + <i>acc.</i>	around
civis, civis <i>m. f.</i>	citizen
civitas, civitatis <i>f.</i>	state, community
clamo (1)	I shout
clamor, clamoris <i>m.</i>	shout
coepi, coepisse, coeptum (<i>defective</i>)	I begin, I have begun
cogito (1)	I think
cognosco, -ere, cognovi, cognitum	I get to know, I find out
cogo, -ere, coegi, coactum	I compel
colligo, -ere, collegi, collectum	I collect
colloquor (3 <i>dep.</i>)	I converse, I hold a conversation
comes, comitis <i>m. f.</i>	companion
comparo (1)	I prepare, I gain, I obtain
conficio, -ere, confeci, confectum	I finish, I wear out
coniunx, coniugis <i>m. f.</i>	husband, wife
conor (1 <i>dep.</i>)	I try
consilium, consilii <i>n.</i>	plan, policy
consilium capio, -ere, cepi, captum	I think of a plan, I have an idea
conspicio, -ere, conspexi, conspectum	I catch sight of, I see

constituo, -ere, constitui, constitutum	I decide
consul, consulis <i>m.</i>	consul
consumo, -ere, consumpsi, consumptum	I eat, I use up
contendo, -ere, contendi, contentum	I hurry, I stretch, I fight
contentus, -a, -um	satisfied, happy, content
contra + <i>acc.</i>	against
convenio, -ire, conveni, conventum	I meet, I gather, I come together
copiae, copiarum <i>f. pl.</i>	forces, troops
corpus, corporis <i>n.</i>	body
cotidie	every day
cras	tomorrow
credo, -ere, credidi, creditum + <i>dat.</i>	I believe, I trust
crimen, criminis <i>n.</i>	charge, accusation
crudelis, -is, -e	cruel
culpo (1)	I find fault with, I blame
cum + <i>abl.</i>	with
cum + <i>ind.</i>	when
cum + <i>subj.</i>	when, since, although
cupio, -ere, cupivi, cupitum	I desire
cur?	why?
cura, curae <i>f.</i>	care, concern
curro, -ere, cucurri, cursum	I run
custodio (4)	I guard
custos, custodis <i>m.</i>	guard

D

de + <i>abl.</i>	down from, concerning
dea, deae <i>f.</i>	goddess
debeo (2)	I owe, I ought, I have to
decipio, -ere, decepi, deceptum	I deceive
dedo, -ere, dedidi, deditum	I surrender
defendo, -ere, defendi, defensum	I defend
deinde	then, next
deleo, -ere, delevi, deletum	I destroy
delibero (1)	I deliberate, I consider seriously
descendo, -ere, descendi, descensum	I descend
despero (1)	I give up hope, I despair
deus, dei <i>m.</i>	god
dico, -ere, dixi, dictum	I say, I tell
dies, diei <i>m. f.</i>	day
difficilis, -is, -e	difficult
dignus, -a, -um + <i>abl.</i>	worthy, deserving (of)

diligens, -ntis <i>m. f. n.</i>	diligent, hard-working
diligentia, diligentiae <i>f.</i>	diligence, industry, care
dirus, -a, -um	awful, dreadful
discedo, -ere, discessi, discessum	I depart, I go away
disciplina, disciplinae <i>f.</i>	training, education, discipline
disco, -ere, didici, –	I learn
diu	for a long time
dives, divitis <i>m. f. n.</i>	rich, wealthy
do, dare, dedi, datum	I give
doceo, -ere, docui, doctum	I teach
dolor, doloris <i>m.</i>	pain, grief, sorrow
domina, dominae <i>f.</i>	mistress
dominus, domini <i>m.</i>	master
domus, domus <i>f.</i>	house
donum, doni <i>n.</i>	gift
dormio (4)	I sleep
dubito (1)	I doubt, I hesitate
dubius, -a, -um	doubtful
duco, -ere, duxi, ductum	I lead
dum + <i>ind.</i>	while
durus, -a, -um	hard, harsh
dux, ducis <i>m. f.</i>	leader, commander, guide

E

e (ex) + <i>abl.</i>	out of, from
ecce!	look! behold!
efficio, -icere, effeci, effectum	I bring about, I accomplish
effugio, -ere, effugi, –	I escape, I flee
ego	I
egredior, egredi, egressus sum	I go out
eheu!	oh dear! alas!
emo, -ere, emi, emptum	I buy
enim	for
eo	to there, thither
eo, ire, i(v)i, itum	I go
epistula, epistulae <i>f.</i>	letter
eques, equitis <i>m.</i>	cavalryman, rider; pl. cavalry
equus, equi <i>m.</i>	horse
et (et ... et)	and (both ... and)
etiam	even, also
excito (1)	I rouse, I stir up
exeo, exire, exii, exitum	I go out

exercitus, exercitus *m.*
 exspecto (1)
 extra + *acc.*
 extremus, -a, -um

army
 I expect, I wait for
 outside, beyond
 furthest, last

F

fabula, fabulae *f.*
 facilis, -is, -e
 facio, -ere, feci, factum
 fallo, -ere, fefelli, falsum
 fama, fama *f.*
 felix, felicitas *m. f. n.*
 femina, feminae *f.*
 fero, ferre, tuli, latum
 ferox, ferocis *m. f. n.*
 fessus, -a, -um
 fidelis, -is, -e
 fides, fidei *f.*
 filia, filiae *f.*
 filius, filii *m.*
 finis, finis *m.*
 fio, fieri, factus sum
 flumen, fluminis *n.*
 fons, fontis *m.*
 forma, formae *f.*
 forte
 fortis, -is, -e
 fortuna, -ae *f.*
 forum, fori *n.*
 frango, -ere, fregi, fractum
 frater, fratris *m.*
 frustra
 fuga, fugae *f.*
 fugio, -ere, fugi, –

story, tale
 easy
 I make, I do
 I deceive, I trick
 rumour, reputation
 lucky, happy
 woman
 I carry, I bring, I bear, I endure
 fierce
 tired
 faithful, loyal
 faith, confidence, honesty
 daughter
 son
 end
 I become, I am made
 river
 spring, fountain
 form, beauty, shape
 by chance
 brave
 fortune, chance, luck
 forum, market-place
 I break
 brother
 in vain
 flight
 I flee, I run away

G

gaudeo, -ere, gavisus sum
 gaudium, gaudii *n.*
 gens, gentis *f.*
 gero, -ere, gessi, gestum
 bellum gero

I am happy, I rejoice
 joy
 tribe, nation, race
 I do, I wear, I carry
 I wage war

gladiator, gladiatoris *m.*
 gladius, gladii *m.*
 gloria, gloriae *f.*
 gravis, -is, -e

gladiator
 sword
 glory
 heavy, severe, important

H

habeo (2)
 habito (1)
 hasta, hastae *f.*
 heri
 hic
 hic, haec, hoc
 hinc
 hodie
 homo, hominis *m.*
 hora, horae *f.*
 hortor (1 dep.)
 hortus, horti *m.*
 hostis, hostis *m. f.*
 huc

I have
 I live, I reside
 spear
 yesterday
 here
 this (he, she, it)
 from here, hence
 today
 man, person
 hour
 I encourage
 garden
 enemy
 to here, hither

I

iaceo (2)
 iacio, -ere, ieci, iactum
 iam
 ianua, ianuae *f.*
 ibi
 idem, eadem, idem
 idoneus, -a, -um
 igitur
 ignavus, -a, -um
 ignis, ignis *m.*
 ille, illa, illud
 illuc
 imperator, imperatoris *m.*
 imperium, imperii *n.*
 impero (1) + *dat.*
 impetus, impetus *m.*
 in + *acc.*
 in + *abl.*
 incendo, -ere, incendi, incensum

I lie
 I throw
 now, already
 door, entrance
 there
 same
 suitable
 therefore
 lazy, cowardly
 fire
 that (he, she, it)
 to there, thither
 emperor, commander, general
 command, power, order
 I order
 charge, assault, attack
 into, onto, against
 in, on
 I set fire to

incipio, -ere, incepi, inceptum	I begin
inde	from there, thence
infelix, infelicitas <i>m. f. n.</i>	unlucky
ingens, -ntis <i>m. f. n.</i>	huge, enormous
ingredior, ingredi, ingressus sum	I enter, I go in
inimicus, -a, -um	hostile, unfriendly
inquit (from inquam) (<i>defective</i>)	he/she says (I say)
insanus, -a, -um	mad, insane
insignis, -is, -e	distinguished, remarkable
insula, insulae <i>f.</i>	island, block of flats
intellego, -ere, intellexi, intellectum	I understand, I realise
inter + <i>acc.</i>	between, among
interea	meanwhile
interficio, -ere, interfeci, interfectum	I kill
intra + <i>acc.</i>	inside, within
intro (1)	I enter
invideo, -ere, invidi, invisum + <i>dat.</i>	I envy, I hate
invenio, invenire, inveni, inventum	I come across, I find
invito (1)	I invite
invitus, -a, -um	reluctant, unwilling
ipse, ipsa, ipsum	self
ira, -ae <i>f.</i>	anger
iratus, -a, -um	angry
is, ea, id	this, that, he, she, it
iste, ista, istud	that one (that man, woman, thing)
ita	so, thus
ita vero	yes, indeed, certainly
Italia, Italiae <i>f.</i>	Italy
itaque	and so, therefore
iter, itineris <i>n.</i>	journey, march
iterum	again
iubeo, -ere, iussi, iussum	I order
iudex, iudicis <i>m.</i>	judge, juror
iudico (1)	I judge
iungo, -ere, iunxi, iunctum	I join
iustus, -a, -um	just, right
iuvenis, iuvenis <i>m.</i>	young man

L

labor, laboris <i>m.</i>	work
laboro (1)	I work
labor, labi, lapsus sum	I slip, I slide, I glide
laboro (1)	I work
lacrimo (1)	I weep, I cry
laetus, -a, -um	happy
latus, lateris <i>n.</i>	side
latus, -a, -um	broad, wide
laudo (1)	I praise
laus, laudis <i>f.</i>	praise, glory
legatus, -i <i>m.</i>	envoy, senior officer
legio, legionis <i>f.</i>	legion
lego, -ere, legi, lectum	I read
lente	slowly
lex, legis <i>f.</i>	law
libenter	gladly, willingly
liber, libri <i>m.</i>	book
liber, libera, liberum	free
liberi, liberorum <i>m. pl.</i>	children
libero (1)	I free
libertus, liberti <i>m.</i>	freedman
licet + subj.	although
licet, -ere, licuit, licitum	it is allowed
litus, litoris <i>n.</i>	shore
locus, loci <i>m. (pl. loca n.)</i>	place
longe	far off
longus, -a, -um	long
loquor, loqui, locutus sum	I speak
ludo, -ere, lusi, lusum	I play
ludus, ludi <i>m.</i>	game, play, school
luna, lunae <i>f.</i>	moon
lux, lucis <i>f.</i>	light

M

magister, magistri <i>m.</i>	teacher
magnopere	very much, especially
magnus, -a, -um	large, great
malo, malle, malui, –	I prefer
malus, -a, -um	bad
maneo, -ere, mansi, mansum	I remain, I stay

manus, manus <i>f.</i>	hand, band (of men)
mare, maris <i>n.</i>	sea
mater, matris <i>f.</i>	mother
matrimonium, matrimonii <i>n.</i>	marriage
medicus, medici <i>m.</i>	doctor
medius, -a, -um	middle, the middle of
memini, meminisse, – (<i>defective</i>)	I remember, I recollect
mens, mentis <i>f.</i>	mind, intellect, purpose
mensa, mensae <i>f.</i>	table
mercator, mercatoris <i>m.</i>	merchant
metus, metus <i>m.</i>	fear
meus, -a, -um	my
miles, militis <i>m.</i>	soldier
mirabilis, -is, -e	wonderful, amazing
miror (1 dep.)	I wonder at, I admire
miser, misera, miserum	wretched, unfortunate
mitto, -ere, misi, missum	I send
modo	only, just now
modus, modi <i>m.</i>	way, method, measure, end, limit
moneo (2)	I advise, warn
mons, montis <i>m.</i>	mountain
morbus, morbi <i>m.</i>	disease, illness, sickness
morior, mori, mortuus sum	I die
mors, mortis <i>f.</i>	death
mos, moris <i>m.</i>	custom
moveo, -ere, movi, motum	I move
mox	soon
multitudo, multitudinis <i>f.</i>	crowd, a great number
multus, -a, -um	much, many
munio (4)	I fortify, I protect
murus, muri <i>m.</i>	wall

N

nam (namque)	for
narro (1)	I tell, I relate
nascor, nasci, natus sum	I am born
nauta, nautae <i>m.</i>	sailor
navigo (1)	I sail
navis, navis <i>f.</i>	ship
ne	lest, in case, in order that ... not
-ne	(introduces question)?
nec (neque) (nec ... nec/neque ... neque)	neither (neither ... nor)

necesse	necessary
neglego, -egere, neglexi, neglectum	I neglect
nego (1)	I deny, I say that ... not
nemo, nullius <i>m. f.</i>	nobody
nescio, -ire, nescivi, nescitum	I do not know
nihil (indeclinable) <i>n.</i>	nothing
nisi	unless, except (if ... not)
nolo, nolle, nolui	I do not want, I am unwilling
nomen, nominis <i>n.</i>	name
non modo ... sed etiam	not only ... but also
nondum	not yet
nonne?	surely?
nonnullus, -a, -um	some, several
nos	we
noster, nostra, nostrum	our
novus, -a, -um	new
nox, noctis <i>f.</i>	night
nullus, -a, -um	none, no
num?	surely ... not?
num	whether
numquam	never
nunc	now
nuntio (1)	I announce
nuntius, nuntii <i>m.</i>	messenger, message
nuper	recently

O

ob + <i>acc.</i>	on account of, because of
obliscor, oblivisci, oblitus sum + <i>gen.</i>	I forget, I am forgetful of
occasio, occasionis <i>f.</i>	opportunity
occido, -ere, occidi, occisum	I kill, I strike down
occupo (1)	I seize, I occupy, I attack
occurro, -ere, occurri, occursum + <i>dat.</i>	I meet, I run up to
oculus, oculi <i>m.</i>	eye
odi, odisse, – (<i>defective</i>)	I hate
odium, odii <i>n.</i>	hatred
offero, offerre, obtuli, oblatum	I offer, I present
olim	once upon a time, once
omnis, -is, -e	all, every
onus, oneris <i>n.</i>	burden, load
oppidum, oppidi <i>n.</i>	town
opprimo, -ere, oppressi, oppressum	I overwhelm, I crush

oppugno (1)	I attack
opus, operis <i>n.</i>	work, piece of work
orno (1)	I adorn, I decorate, I make attractive
oro (1)	I beg, I pray
os, oris <i>n.</i>	mouth, face
ostendo, -ere, ostendi, ostentum	I show, I display
otium, otii <i>n.</i>	leisure

P

paene	almost
panis, panis <i>m.</i>	bread
parco, -ere, peperci, parsum + <i>dat.</i>	I spare
parens, parentis <i>m. f.</i>	parent
pareo (2) + <i>dat.</i>	I obey
paro (1)	I prepare
pars, partis <i>f.</i>	part
parvus, -a, -um	small
pater, patris <i>m.</i>	father
patior, pati, passus sum	I suffer, I endure, I allow
patria, patriae <i>f.</i>	homeland
pauci, -ae, -a	few, a few
paulisper	for a short while
pauper, pauperis <i>m. f. n.</i>	poor, a poor person
pax, pacis <i>f.</i>	peace
pecunia, pecuniae <i>f.</i>	money
per + <i>acc.</i>	through
pereo, perire, perii, peritum	I perish, I am lost, I am destroyed
periculum, periculi <i>n.</i>	danger
permitto, -ere, permisi, permissum + <i>dat.</i>	I allow, I entrust
persuadeo, -ere, persuasi, persuasum + <i>dat.</i>	I persuade
perterritus, -a, -um	terrified
pervenio, pervenire, perveni, perventum	I arrive
pes, pedis <i>m.</i>	foot
peto, -ere, petivi, petitum	I seek, I make for, I attack
placet (2) (from placeo)	it pleases (I please)
plebs, plebis <i>f.</i>	common people
plenus, -a, -um	full
poena, poenae <i>f.</i>	punishment, penalty
poenas do, dare, dedi, datum	I pay the penalty
poeta, poetae <i>m.</i>	poet
pono, -ere, posui, positum	I place, I put

pons, pontis <i>m.</i>	bridge
populus, populi <i>m.</i>	people
porta, portae <i>f.</i>	gate
porto (1)	I carry
portus, portus <i>m.</i>	port, harbour
posco, -ere, poposci, –	I demand, I ask
possum, posse, potui	I can, I am able
post + <i>acc.</i>	after, behind
postea	afterwards
postquam	after, when
postridie	next day
potestas, potestatis <i>f.</i>	power
praebeo (2)	I offer, I supply, I show
praeda, praedae <i>f.</i>	plunder, booty, prey
praefectus, praefecti <i>m.</i>	prefect, commander, chief
praemium, praemii <i>n.</i>	reward
praeter + <i>acc.</i>	except, apart from
praeterea	moreover, furthermore
pretium, pretii <i>n.</i>	price
primo	first, at first
primum	first, at first
princeps, principis <i>m.</i>	chief, leader
priusquam	before
pro + <i>abl.</i>	on behalf of
procedo, -ere, processi, processum	I proceed, I go forwards
procul	in the distance, far off
prodo, -ere, prodidi, proditum	I betray
proelium, proelii <i>n.</i>	battle
proficiscor, proficisci, profectus sum	I set out
progredior, progredi, progressus sum	I advance
prohibeo (2)	I prevent, I forbid
promitto, -ere, promisi, promissum	I promise
prope + <i>acc.</i>	near
prope (<i>adverb</i>)	near, almost
propter + <i>acc.</i>	on account of
proximus, -a, -um	nearest, next
prudens, prudentis <i>m. f. n.</i>	wise, sensible
publicus, -a, -um	public
puella, puellae <i>f.</i>	girl
puer, pueri <i>m.</i>	boy
pugna, pugnae <i>f.</i>	battle, fight
pugno (1)	I fight

pulcher, pulchra, pulchrum
 punio (4)
 puto (1)

beautiful
 I punish
 I think

Q

quaero, -ere, quaesivi, quaesitum
 qualis, -is, -e?
 quam
 quam + *superlative*
 quamquam
 quamvis + *subj.*
 quando?
 quantus, -a, -um?
 -que
 qui, quae, quod
 quia
 quidam, quaedam, quoddam
 quidem
 quis, quis, quid? (*interrogative*)
 quisque, quaeque, quidque
 quo?
 quod
 quomodo?
 quoniam
 quoque
 quot? (*indeclinable*)

I search, I look for, I inquire
 of what sort?
 than, as
 as ... as possible
 although
 although
 when?
 how large, how great?
 and
 who, who, which
 because
 a (certain)
 indeed
 who, who, what?
 each
 where to? whither?
 because
 how?
 since, because
 also
 how many?

R

rapio, -ere, rapui, raptum
 reddo, reddere, reddidi, redditum
 redeo, redire, redii, reditum
 refero, referre, rettuli, relatum
 regina, -ae *f.*
 regnum, regni *n.*
 rego, -ere, rexi, rectum
 regredior, regredi, regressus sum
 relinquo, -ere, reliqui, relictum
 reliquus, -a, -um
 res, rei *f.*
 res publica, rei publicae *f.*
 resisto, -ere, restiti

I seize, I snatch
 I return, I give back
 I return, I go back
 I bring back, I return, I tell
 queen
 kingdom
 I rule
 I go back
 I leave behind
 remaining, the rest of
 thing, matter (or appropriate noun)
 state, republic
 I resist, I oppose

respondeo, -ere, respondi, responsum	I reply
responsum, responsi <i>n.</i>	answer
rex, regis <i>m.</i>	king
rideo, -ere, risi, risum	I laugh, I smile
ripa, ripae <i>f.</i>	river bank
rogo (1)	I ask
Roma, Romae <i>f.</i>	Rome
Romanus, -a, -um	Roman
Romanus, -i <i>m.</i>	a Roman
rus, ruris <i>n.</i>	country, countryside

S

sacer, sacra, sacrum	holy
saepe	often
saevus, -a, -um	savage, fierce
sagitta, sagittae <i>f.</i>	arrow
salus, salutis <i>f.</i>	safety
saluto (1)	I greet
salve! salvete!	hello!
sanguis, sanguinis <i>m.</i>	blood
sapiens, sapientis <i>m. f. n.</i>	wise
sapientia, sapientiae <i>f.</i>	wisdom
satis	enough
saxum, saxi <i>n.</i>	rock
scelestus, -a, -um	wicked
scilicet	obviously, clearly
scio, -ire, scivi, scitum	I know
scribo, -ere, scripsi, scriptum	I write
se	himself, herself, itself, themselves
se recipio, -ere, recepi, receptum	I retreat, I withdraw
sed	but
sedeo, -ere, sedi, sessum	I sit
semper	always
senator, senatoris <i>m.</i>	senator
senex, senis <i>m.</i>	old man
sentio, sentire, sensi, sensum	I feel, I notice
sequor, sequi, secutus sum	I follow
sermo, sermonis <i>m.</i>	conversation, discussion, speech
servo (1)	I save, I keep
servus, servi <i>m.</i>	slave
si	if
sic	so, thus

sicut, sicuti	just as, like
signum, signi <i>n.</i>	sign, signal, standard
silva, silvae <i>f.</i>	wood
similis, -is, -e	like, similar
simul	at the same time
simulac, simulatque	as soon as
simulo (1)	I pretend
sine + <i>abl.</i>	without
sino, -ere, sivi, situm	I allow
socius, socii <i>m.</i>	ally, friend, companion
sol, solis <i>m.</i>	sun
soleo, -ere, solitus sum	I am accustomed
solus, -a, -um	alone, only
somnus, somni <i>m.</i>	sleep
soror, sororis <i>f.</i>	sister
spectaculum, spectaculi <i>n.</i>	spectacle, show
specto (1)	I look at, I watch
spero (1)	I hope, I expect
spes, spei <i>f.</i>	hope
statim	at once, immediately
stilus, stili <i>m.</i>	stylus, pen
sto, stare, steti, statum	I stand
stola, stolae <i>f.</i>	dress
studium, studii <i>n.</i>	enthusiasm, eagerness, study
stultus, -a, -um	stupid
sub + <i>abl.</i> / <i>acc.</i>	under, up to, just before
subito	suddenly
subitus, -a, -um	sudden
sum, esse, fui	I am
summus, -a, -um	highest, greatest
sumo, -ere, sumpsi, sumptum	I take, I put on
super + <i>abl.</i> / <i>acc.</i>	above, upon, on top of
superbus, -a, -um	proud
supero (1)	I overpower
surgo, -ere, surrexi, surrectum	I lift, I raise up
suscipio, -ere, suscepi, susceptum	I take up, I undertake
sustineo, -ere, sustinui, sustentum	I support, I withstand
suus, -a, -um	his, her, its, their

T

taberna, tabernae <i>f.</i>	inn, tavern, shop
taceo (2)	I am silent
talis, -is, -e	such, of such a kind

tam	so
tamen	however, yet
tandem	at last, finally
tango, -ere, tetigi, tactum	I touch
tantus, -a, -um	so large, so great
tego, -ere, texi, tectum	I cover
telum, teli <i>n.</i>	weapon, missile
tempestas, tempestatis <i>f.</i>	storm, season, weather
templum, templi <i>n.</i>	temple
tempus, temporis <i>n.</i>	time
teneo, -ere, tenui, tentum	I hold
terra, terrae <i>f.</i>	earth, land
terreo (2)	I frighten, I terrify
timeo (2)	I fear, I am afraid
timor, timoris <i>m.</i>	fear, fright
toga, togae <i>f.</i>	toga
tollo, -ere, sustuli, sublatum	I lift, I raise
tot (<i>indeclinable</i>)	so many
totus, -a, -um	all, the whole of
trado, -ere, tradidi, traditum	I hand over
traho, -ere, traxi, tractum	I pull, I drag
trans + <i>acc.</i>	across
tristis, -is, -e	sad, mournful, gloomy
tu	you (sg.)
tum	then
tunica, tunicae <i>f.</i>	tunic
turba, turbae <i>f.</i>	crowd, disturbance
tutus, -a, -um	safe
tuus, -a, -um	your (sg.)

U

ubi?	where?
ubi	when
ubique	everywhere
ullus, -a, -um	any
umquam	ever
unde?	where from? whence?
urbs, urbis <i>f.</i>	city
ut	in order that, so that
uter, utra, utrum	which (of two)
utilis, -is, -e	useful
utor, uti, usus sum + <i>abl.</i>	I use
uxor, uxoris <i>f.</i>	wife

V

valde	very
vale! valete!	goodbye! farewell!
vallum, valli <i>n.</i>	rampart
vehementer	violently
veho, -ere, vexi, vectum	I carry, I convey
vendo, -ere, vendidi, venditum	I sell
venenum, veneni <i>n.</i>	poison
venio, venire, veni, ventum	I come
ventus, venti <i>m.</i>	wind
verbum, verbi <i>n.</i>	word
vereor, vereri, veritus sum	I fear
vero	in fact, indeed, truly
verto, -ere, verti, versum	I turn (transitive)
verus, -a, -um	true
vester, vestra, vestrum	your (pl.)
vestimentum, vestimenti <i>n.</i>	garment, clothes
veto, -are, vetui, vetitum	I forbid, I order ... not to
vetus, veteris <i>m. f. n.</i>	old
via, viae <i>f.</i>	street, road
video, -ere, vidi, visum	I see
videor, videri, visus sum	I seem
villa, villae <i>f.</i>	house, farm, villa
vinco, -ere, vici, victum	I conquer, I defeat, I win
vinum, vini <i>n.</i>	wine
vir, viri <i>m.</i>	man, husband
virgo, virginis <i>f.</i>	girl, maiden
virtus, virtutis <i>f.</i>	manliness, courage, virtue
vis, vis (pl. vires) <i>f.</i>	force (strength)
vita, vitae <i>f.</i>	life
vitupero (1)	I curse, I blame
vivo, -ere, vixi, victum	I live
vivus, -a, -um	alive, living
vix	hardly, scarcely
voco (1)	I call
volo, velle, volui	I want, I wish, I am willing
vos	you (pl.)
vox, vocis <i>f.</i>	voice
vulnero (1)	I wound
vulnus, vulneris <i>n.</i>	wound
vultus, vultus <i>m.</i>	face, expression

5 What else you need to know

This section is an overview of other information you need to know about this syllabus. It will help to share the administrative information with your exams officer so they know when you will need their support. Find more information about our administrative processes at www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide

Before you start

Previous study

We do not expect learners starting this course to have previously studied Latin.

Guided learning hours

We design Cambridge IGCSE syllabuses based on learners having about 130 guided learning hours for each subject during the course but this is for guidance only. The number of hours a learner needs to achieve the qualification may vary according to local practice and their previous experience of the subject.

Availability and timetables

All Cambridge schools are allocated to one of six administrative zones. Each zone has a specific timetable.

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You can view the timetable for your administrative zone at www.cambridgeinternational.org/timetables

You can enter candidates in the June exam series.

Check you are using the syllabus for the year the candidate is taking the exam.

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Combining with other syllabuses

Candidates can take this syllabus alongside other Cambridge International syllabuses in a single exam series. The only exceptions are:

- syllabuses with the same title at the same level.

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Exam administration

To keep our exams secure, we produce question papers for different areas of the world, known as administrative zones. We allocate all Cambridge schools to one administrative zone determined by their location. Each zone has a specific timetable. Some of our syllabuses offer candidates different assessment options. An entry option code is used to identify the components the candidate will take relevant to the administrative zone and the available assessment options.

Support for exams officers

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Retakes

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Equality and inclusion

We have taken great care to avoid bias of any kind in the preparation of this syllabus and related assessment materials. In our effort to comply with the UK Equality Act (2010) we have taken all reasonable steps to avoid any direct and indirect discrimination.

The standard assessment arrangements may present barriers for candidates with impairments. Where a candidate is eligible, we may be able to make arrangements to enable that candidate to access assessments and receive recognition of their attainment. We do not agree access arrangements if they give candidates an unfair advantage over others or if they compromise the standards being assessed.

Candidates who cannot access the assessment of any component may be able to receive an award based on the parts of the assessment they have completed.

Information on access arrangements is in the *Cambridge Handbook* at www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide

Language

This syllabus and the related assessment materials are available in English only.

After the exam

Grading and reporting

Grades A*, A, B, C, D, E, F or G indicate the standard a candidate achieved at Cambridge IGCSE.

A* is the highest and G is the lowest. 'Ungraded' means that the candidate's performance did not meet the standard required for grade G. 'Ungraded' is reported on the statement of results but not on the certificate.

In specific circumstances your candidates may see one of the following letters on their statement of results:

- Q (PENDING)
- X (NO RESULT).

These letters do not appear on the certificate.

On the statement of results and certificates, Cambridge IGCSE is shown as INTERNATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (IGCSE).

How students and teachers can use the grades

Assessment at Cambridge IGCSE has two purposes:

- to measure learning and achievement

The assessment:

- confirms achievement and performance in relation to the knowledge, understanding and skills specified in the syllabus, to the levels described in the grade descriptions.

- to show likely future success

The outcomes:

- help predict which students are well prepared for a particular course or career and/or which students are more likely to be successful
- help students choose the most suitable course or career.

Grade descriptions

Grade descriptions are provided to give an indication of the standards of achievement candidates awarded particular grades are likely to show. Weakness in one aspect of the examination may be balanced by a better performance in some other aspect.

Grade A

To achieve a Grade A, candidates will be able to:

- demonstrate a good grasp of Latin vocabulary, morphology and syntax
- understand unseen passages of Latin and translate them into English accurately and clearly
- demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the prescribed texts and give an appreciative response to their literary qualities.

Grade C

To achieve a Grade C, candidates will be able to:

- demonstrate an adequate grasp of the language
- make sense of unseen passages of Latin and translate them into English with some accuracy and with most of the meaning conveyed
- show a reasonable knowledge of the prescribed texts and make literary and background comments which usually have some relevance, although the material may not be recalled perfectly.

Grade F

To achieve a Grade F, candidates will be able to:

- demonstrate some grasp of the basics of the language
- make limited sense of unseen passages of Latin and translate isolated sections into English with minimal accuracy
- show basic recall and understanding of prescribed texts and background questions.

Changes to this syllabus for 2023, 2024 and 2025

We have updated the look and feel of this document. Minor changes to the wording of some sections have been made to improve clarity. This is version 1, published September 2020.

You must read the whole syllabus before planning your teaching programme.

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- Changes to syllabus content**
- The set texts have been changed for 2023, 2024 and 2025. Please see section 3 of this syllabus for the set texts.
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