

Modern and Classical Languages - Japanese, Latin

Minor in Japanese

Completion of JAPN 212 or equivalent

Plus:

Eight additional credits selected in consultation with the department adviser

JAPN 111 Elementary Japanese I (4 credits)

Mastering 46 hiragana alphabets. Introduction to basic sentence structures, particles, polite forms of verbs, and simple kanjis (Chinese characters). Students are encouraged to converse in given situations utilizing whatever has been learned in the class.

JAPN 112 Elementary Japanese II (4 credits)

Continuation of JAPN 111. Mastering 46 katakana alphabets. Further study of kanjis. Conjugation of adjectives, plain forms, te-forms. Noun modification. Action-in-progress as well as resultant-state forms of verbs. Main and subordinate clause construction. Daily free speaking in Japanese at simple level.

Prerequisite: JAPN 111 or placement test result

JAPN 211 Intermediate Japanese I (4 credits)

Continuation of JAPN 112. Some of the volitional forms, hypothetical forms, and desiderative forms are introduced. Continued study of kanjis. Daily free speaking. Introduction to the use of Japanese word processor.

Prerequisite: JAPN 112 or placement test result

JAPN 212 Intermediate Japanese II (4 credits)

Continuation of JAPN 211. Potential forms, transitive-intransitive verbs, respectful-humble forms, giving-receiving verbs, and some more hypothetical forms are introduced. Practice in situational and functional Japanese. Daily free conversation and further study of kanjis are continued.

Prerequisite: JAPN 211 or placement test result

Latin

The courses in Latin are offered with the following objectives:

1. To give students the necessary grasp of the language to read the works of Latin authors, and to read them with some degree of appreciation
2. To acquaint students with the unique character of Roman culture and its contribution to succeeding ages
3. To improve students' understanding of the structures of language.

These objectives are pursued with a view to the needs of students who are preparing to do graduate work in the field of Latin, who are preparing to teach Latin in secondary schools, or who are seeking a background for the study of theology, philosophy, history, law, science, English or the Romance languages.

The major engages students in the study of the language, literature and culture of ancient Rome. It prepares students to read Latin, introduces significant works of essential authors, and provides analytical tools for examining the relationship between language and the unique identity of different cultures.

Major in Latin

Four years of high school Latin or the completion of LATN 212 or 255

Plus:

Twenty-eight credits in Latin numbered above LATN 255

Plus:

Eight additional credits in ancient history, ancient philosophy, classical art, mythology or classical literature in translation.

Minor in Latin

Completion of twelve credits above LATN 211

Plus:

Eight additional credits in ancient history, ancient philosophy, classical art, mythology or classical literature in translation.

LATN 111 Elementary Latin I (4 credits)

A beginning course, with emphasis on reading Latin prose in passages of increasing complexity. Introduction to essential forms, syntax and vocabulary. Practice in reading Latin aloud and composing simple sentences. Exploration of the social and cultural context of the Latin language.

LATN 112 Elementary Latin II (4 credits)

Continuation of 111. More graded readings, further mastery of forms, syntax and vocabulary.

Prerequisite: LATN 111 or equivalent

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LATN 211 Intermediate Latin I (4 credits)

Readings of narrative prose. Review and further study of grammar.

Prerequisite: LATN 112 or equivalent

LATN 212 Intermediate Latin II (4 credits)

Selections from Vergil's epic poem, the Aeneid.

Prerequisite: LATN 211 or equivalent

LATN 255 Latin Readings in the Old and New Testament (4 credits)

Readings from St. Jerome's Latin translation of the Old and New Testament.

Prerequisite: LATN 211 or equivalent

LATN 295, 296 Topics (2 credits)

LATN 297, 298 Topics (4 credits)

The subject matter of these courses will vary from year to year, but will not duplicate existing courses. Descriptions of these courses are available at www.stthomas.edu/registrar/onlineschedule/.

LATN 311 Latin Composition (4 credits)

A thorough review of Latin grammar. Practice in the writing of continuous Latin prose.

Prerequisite: LATN 212 or 255 or equivalent

LATN 325 Catullus and Horace (4 credits)

Selections from the lyric poetry of Catullus and Horace. Poetic sources, influence, the principal lyric meters.

Prerequisite: LATN 212 or 255 or equivalent

LATN 360 Philosophy in Latin Texts (4 credits)

A survey of various kinds of treatises principally from the works of St. Thomas Aquinas for students who want to acquire a facility in reading philosophical and theological texts in medieval Latin.

Prerequisites: LATN 211 and three courses in PHIL or permission of the instructor.

LATN 421 Vergil (4 credits)

Reading of extensive selections from the Aeneid in Latin and of the entire poem in English translation. Discussion of the sources, themes and techniques of the epic.

Prerequisite: LATN 212 or 255 or equivalent

LATN 430 Caesar and Cicero (4 credits)

Extensive reading of the Gallic War and of the Orations of Cicero. A study of the character and career of each author.

Prerequisite: LATN 212 or 255 or equivalent

LATN 475, 476 Experiential Learning (2 credits)

477, 478 Experiential Learning (4 credits)

See the description of these courses at the beginning of the "Curricula" section of this catalog.

LATN 483, 484 Seminar (2 credits)

LATN 485, 486 Seminar (4 credits)

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LATN 487, 488 Topics (2 credits)

LATN 489, 490 Topics (4 credits)

The subject matter of these courses will vary from year to year, but will not duplicate existing courses. Descriptions of these courses are available at www.stthomas.edu/registrar/onlineschedule/.

LATN 491, 492 Research (2 credits)

LATN 493, 494 Research (4 credits)

See the description of these courses at the beginning of the "Curricula" section of this catalog.

LATN 495, 496 Individual Study (2 credits)

LATN 497, 498 Individual Study (4 credits)

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Russian

The objectives of the Russian program are to provide students the opportunity:

1. To learn the basics of Russian language for reading and for communicating in everyday situations
2. To acquire an elementary knowledge of the culture of the people using this study of the language – at home or abroad – for purposes of business, government work, teaching, literacy or linguistic studies
3. To provide the foundation for earning a major or minor in the language

Four courses are currently offered (which fulfill the language requirement for the Russian, Central and East European