

Latin E-41

Cicero, *Letters*

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Syllabus

Thursday. 6:00–8:00 pm, Boylston Hall, Room 1XX

Required text:

D. R. Shackleton Bailey, *Select Letters* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 1980.
ISBN: 9780521295246

Readings of *Philippics* 1 and 2 with attention to syntax and style, with consideration of Ciceronian rhetoric and the historical context of the orations. We will begin at a fixed point each week. Students should read as much as they can in Latin, and complete what they do not cover for each week's assignment by reading the English in the Loeb Classical library edition:

<https://www-loebclassics-com.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu>

Goals: Improvements of Latin reading abilities, understanding of Cicero's views on politics, family, friends and life.

Prerequisite: One year of college Latin

Attendance: Required

Graduate credit: 8–10 page paper on a topic to be arranged with Professor Thomas

Assignment

Thu., Sept. 5	Letter 1
Thu., Sept. 12	Letter 2–5
Thu., Sept. 19	Letter 6–10
Thu., Sept. 26	Letter 12–15
Thu., Oct. 3	Letter 16–19
Thu., Oct. 10	Letter 20–23
Thu., Oct. 17	Midterm + Letter 24–27
Thu., Oct. 24	Letter 29–34

Thu., Oct. 31	Letter 36–40
Thu., Nov. 7	Letter 42–47
Thu., Nov. 14	Letter 48–53
Thu., Nov. 21	Letter 54–59
Thu., Nov. 28	Thanksgiving
Thu., Dec. 5	Letter 66–70
Thu., Dec. 12	Letter 72–79
Thu., Dec. 19	Final Examination

Office hour:

Th 5:00–5:30

First Graded Assignment: weekly in-class performance and Oct. 17 midterm

Requirements:

Attendance and class participation: 20%

Midterm: 35%

Final 45%

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