Our Philosophy

The Latin language is a cornerstone of Western Civilization. For over 2000 years it has been the language of emperors, popes, scholars, poets, peasants, and soldiers. And yet the beauty and vitality of the Latin language is often obscured in traditional classroom settings where Latin is treated as a set of rules to be memorized or a grammatical specimen to be dissected rather than a language to be heard, spoken, written, and read.

We treat Latin as a language in all its fullness. At the Paideia Institute Living Latin program, participants approach Latin in a way that draws on all their innate language acquisition abilities. Classes combine daily readings and rigorous grammar and syntax review with active oral production in the one-of-a-kind setting of Rome. Through this synthesis of authentic experiences, the course encourages participants to fall in love with Latin and make it their own. By discovering Latin and its literature in Rome, students naturally associate the language with the sights, smells, and textures of the ancient world. Rome and its surrounding sites provide a nexus of meaningful associations that cannot be replicated in the typical classroom setting.

Miratur facilisque oculos fert omnia circum
Aeneas, capiturque locis et singula laetus
exquiritque auditque virum monimenta priorum
Vergil, Aeneid 8.310-312

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**INSTRUCTORS**

**Eric Hewett** (above left) holds an M.A. in Patristics from the Augustinianum Pontifical Institute in Rome. He teaches Latin and Italian at the university level in Rome, where he has also worked as a guide for many years.

**Jason Pedicone** (above left) holds an M.A. in Classics from Princeton University. He has taught spoken Latin and Ancient Greek in the U.S and Europe and served together with Leah Whittington (below) as an interim instructor for Reginald Foster in 2008.

Msgr. **Daniel Gallagher** (above right) is Reginald Foster’s successor as Papal Latinist in the Vatican’s Secretariat of State. Prior to his current assignment, he served as Assistant Professor of Latin and Philosophy at Sacred Heart Seminary.

**Leah Whittington** (above right) received her Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from Princeton University in 2011. She teaches in the Classics and English departments at Harvard University.

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This intensive five-week course is designed to provide rigorous Latin instruction and to introduce students to the most important ancient, medieval, and renaissance sites of Rome and its surrounding areas. The course meets five days a week for four hours a day (divided into two sessions) and combines traditional classroom instruction with the active use of Latin as a living language. In the afternoon session students meet in the classroom to read through a passage from ancient, medieval, or renaissance Latin literature. The following morning’s session uses the city as a classroom. Students visit sites related to the previous day’s readings and work with the instructors in small groups, using Latin actively to interact with each other and the site they are visiting. Grammar, vocabulary, and syntax are reinforced and practiced in a memorable and authentic setting. Take-home composition and memorization exercises are assigned each week. Each Saturday there is a trip to an ancient site outside of the city with associated readings. On Sundays students are free to explore the city on their own.

**INCLUDES**

**Day-Trips** such as Tiberius’ Grotto at Sperlonga; Hadrian’s Villa at Tivoli; Pompei, the Sibyl’s Cave, and Mount Vesuvius in Naples (overnight); Ancient Veii, Bracciano, Ostia Antica, and more.

**Plus...** museum and site entrances, welcome and farewell dinner, communal meals on some trips, transportation to and from Fiumicino Airport.

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**COSTS**

- **Tuition**: $2,500
- **Tuition and Housing**: $3,750

**APPLY**

To apply or to request more information, write to summerlatin@paideia-institute.org or contact us by phone: (609) 429-0734.

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