

Greek and Roman Studies 250
The Contribution of Greek and Latin to the English Language
Winter 2012: M R 11:30am – 12:50pm; COR B135

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm, or by appointment

Text: Green, TM. *The Greek and Latin roots of English* (2008)

For work outside class you will need access to an unabridged English dictionary with etymological notes (e.g. *The Concise Oxford English Dictionary*, *The American Heritage Dictionary*, or *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*). This may be an on-line dictionary:

<http://www.etymonline.com/>, <http://dictionary.reference.com/>,

<http://dictionary.oed.com.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/> (You will need a UVic NetLink-ID and password in order to access this resource.)

Course Description:

This course will explore the principles that have affected the derivation of English words from Latin and Greek sources. It is intended to increase and enrich knowledge and use of the English language and to show how indebted English is to the languages of classical antiquity. Our studies will focus on areas of English that are particularly indebted to the classical languages, such as Science, Philosophy, Medicine, even Food.

Note especially that GRS 250 is NOT a course in Latin or Greek language and it is NOT a course in formal linguistics. The course assumes no knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages and does not involve grammatical study of these languages, except for a few basic features of noun and verb formation. Students will be required to learn and use the Greek alphabet. Equal emphasis will be given to both the Greek and Latin material.

Course Assessment:

Attendance and Participation – 10%

Homework Assignments – 5%

Word Report – 10% (due March 22, in class)

Test #1 (Thursday January 19) – 8%

Test #4 (Thursday March 8) – 8%

Test #2 (Thursday February 2) – 8%

Test #5 (Thursday March 29) – 8%

Test #3 (Thursday February 23) – 8%

Final exam – 35%

Grading Scale:

Percentage	Letter Grade	Grade Point	Percentage	Letter Grade	Grade Point
95-100	A+	9	70-74	B-	4
90-94	A	8	65-69	C+	3
85-89	A-	7	60-64	C	2
80-84	B+	6	50-59	D	1
75-79	B	5	< 50	F	0

Some minor adjustments in classwork may be required as the semester progresses. The days of the tests, however, will not change and any missed test will result in a score of 0, except in the case of illness, family affliction, etc.

Week	Month	Date	Chapter
1	<i>January</i>	4-6	Chapters 1 and 2
2		9-13	Chapter 3
3		16-20	Chapter 4
TEST #1	January	Thurs. 19	Chapters 1-3
4		23-27	Chapters 5 and 6
5	<i>January-February</i>	30-3	Chapters 7 and 8
TEST #2	February	Thurs. 2	Chapters 4-6
6	<i>February</i>	6-10	Chapter 9
Reading Break		13-17	No Classes
7		20-24	Chapter 10
TEST #3	February	Thurs. 23	Chapters 7-9
8	<i>February-March</i>	27-2	Chapter 11
9	<i>March</i>	5-9	Chapters 12 and 13
TEST #4	March	Thurs. 8	Chapters 10-12
10		12-16	Chapter 14
11		19-23	Chapters 15 and 16
Word Report	March	Thurs. 22	Due in class
12	<i>March</i>	26-30	Chapters 16 and 17
TEST #5	March	29	Chapters 13-15
13	<i>April</i>	2-5	