

Why Latin?

"A language must die to be immortal." G.K. Chesterton



- **Latin builds vocabulary**

An estimated 80% of English vocabulary has Latin or Greek origins, either in roots or affixes. Many professional fields such as law and medicine use words derived from Latin. Moreover, research reveals a high correlation between College Board verbal scores and past history of studying Latin.

- **Latin is the fount of Romance languages**

Two of these, French and Spanish, are the most common languages offered in U.S. high schools, as well as being the languages of neighboring Canada and Mexico.

- **Latin is the language of our Western heritage**

The Latin Vulgate was the most common Bible for over a thousand years; Latin allusions are found throughout our literary and social traditions (state and corporate mottos; biological, medical, and legal terms, etc.)

- **Latin has a highly consistent syntax**

This means that, as a language, it has very few exceptions to rules. Studying Latin makes the transfer to learning other foreign languages much easier. It is a language that reflects orderliness; it is well-engineered.

- **Latin reveals roman culture**

Historic roman culture has influenced our own form of government and many other areas of our practical lives. Learning the vocabulary of Roman culture through the Latin language gives insight into the values of a complex people among whom Christianity took root and flourished.
