



# LATN 10100 2, LATN 10100 2 - Introduction to Classical Latin I - Instructor(s): Christopher Simon

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Autumn 2023**

Number Enrolled: **16**

Number of Responses: **6**

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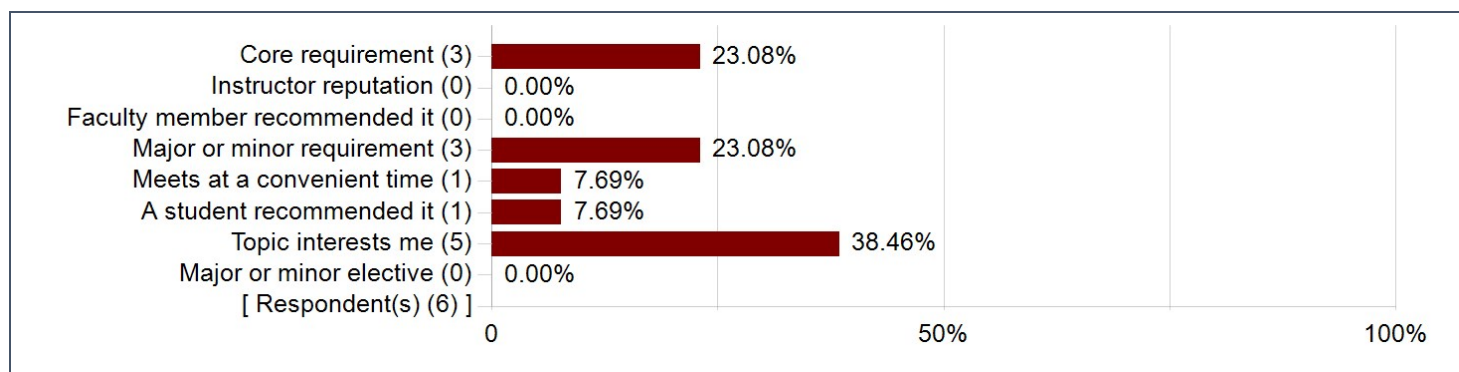
## Report Comments

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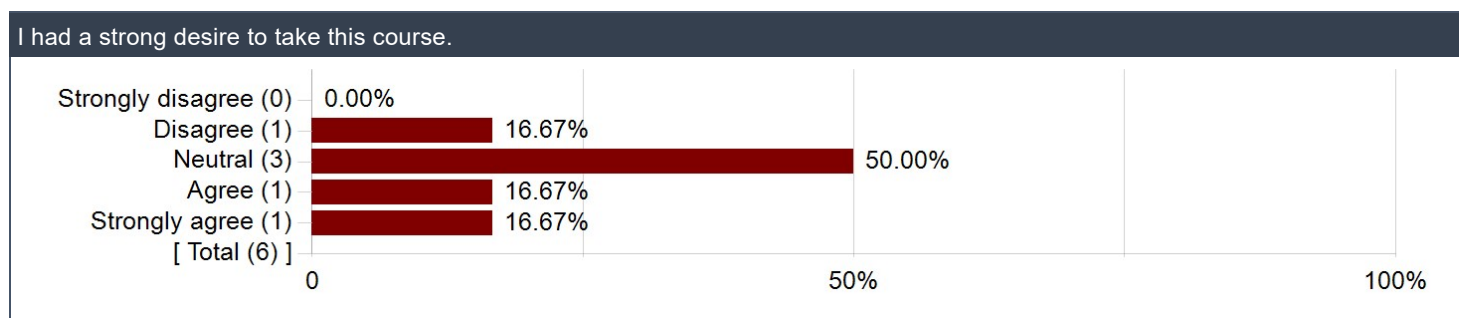
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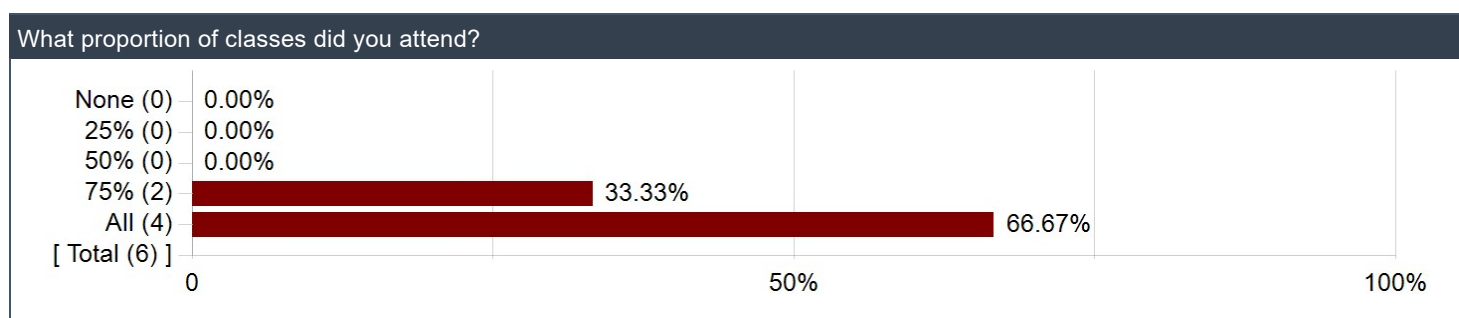
### Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



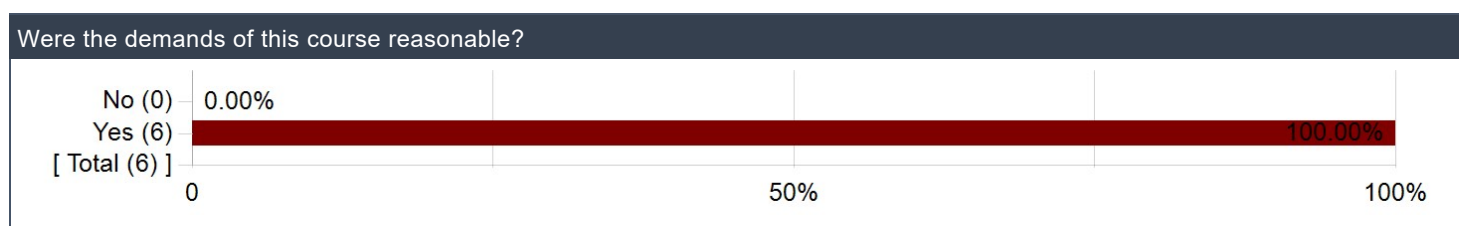
### I had a strong desire to take this course.



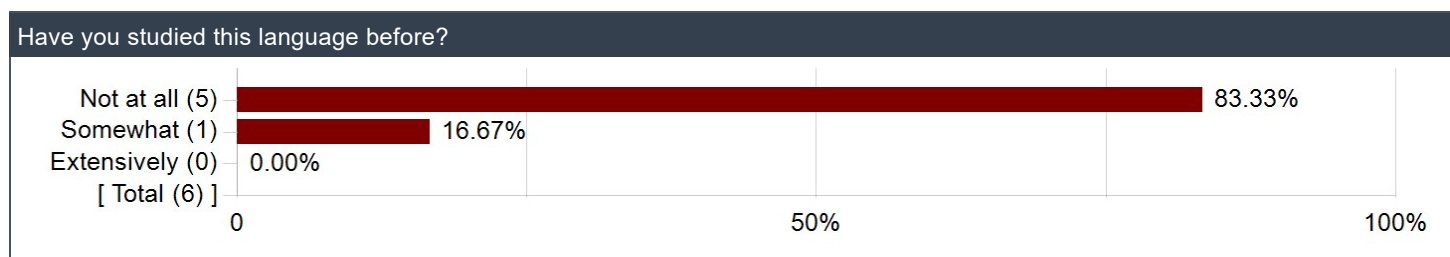
### What proportion of classes did you attend?



### Were the demands of this course reasonable?



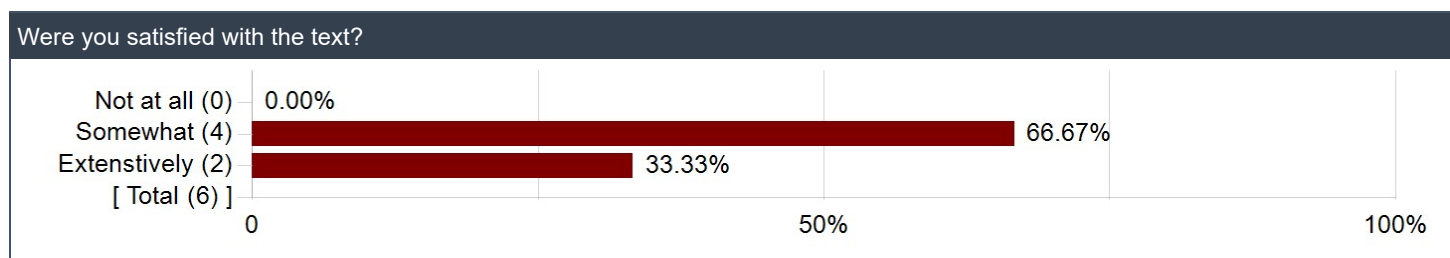
## Have you studied this language before?



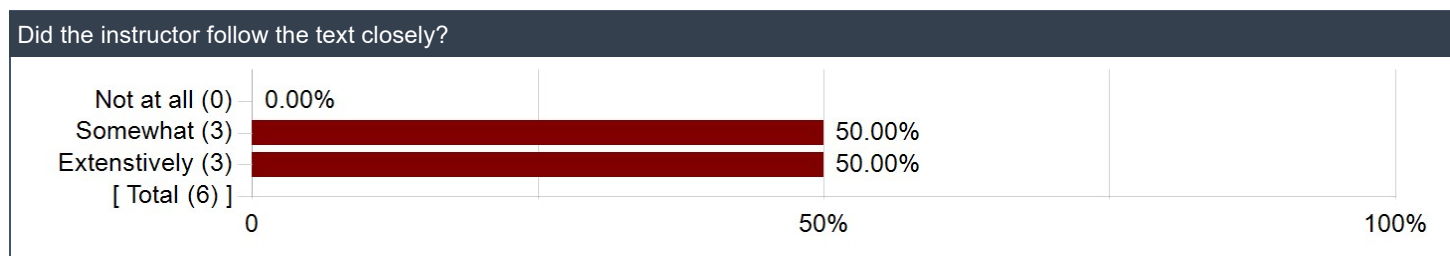
## Rate the extent to which different aspects of the language were stressed:

	Mean	Median	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Extremely	Vigorously
Speaking	2.67	2.50	0.00%	50.00%	33.33%	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%
Spelling	3.83	4.00	16.67%	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%	16.67%
Reading	5.17	5.50	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	33.33%	50.00%
Writing	4.00	3.50	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	16.67%	0.00%	33.33%
Grammar	5.50	6.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	83.33%
Vocabulary	5.50	5.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%

## Were you satisfied with the text?



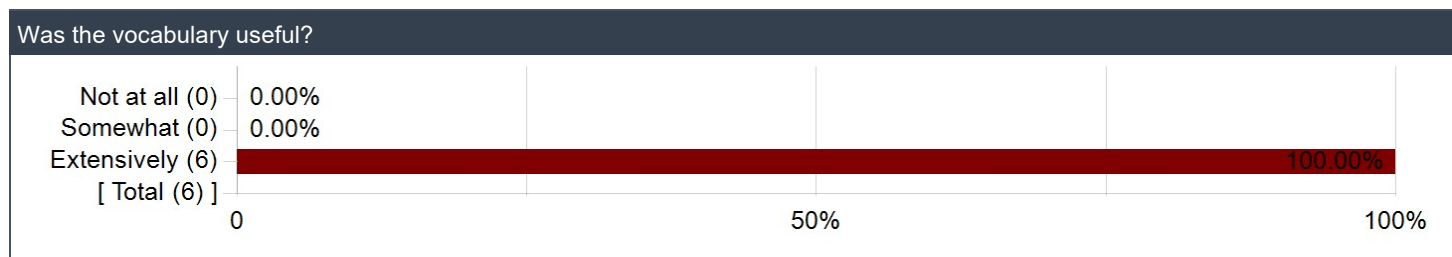
## Did the instructor follow the text closely?



## Explain:

Comments
We used Keller and Russell's Learn to Read Latin, and that book served as our exercise book for homework assignments. The learning of new concepts was mostly done through original PowerPoint presentations, which were very useful.
He made good choices in what to focus on & what not to.
The textbook was very thorough, but Prof C went above and beyond and taught the material in a way that was easier to understand than if we had just read the textbook

## Was the vocabulary useful?

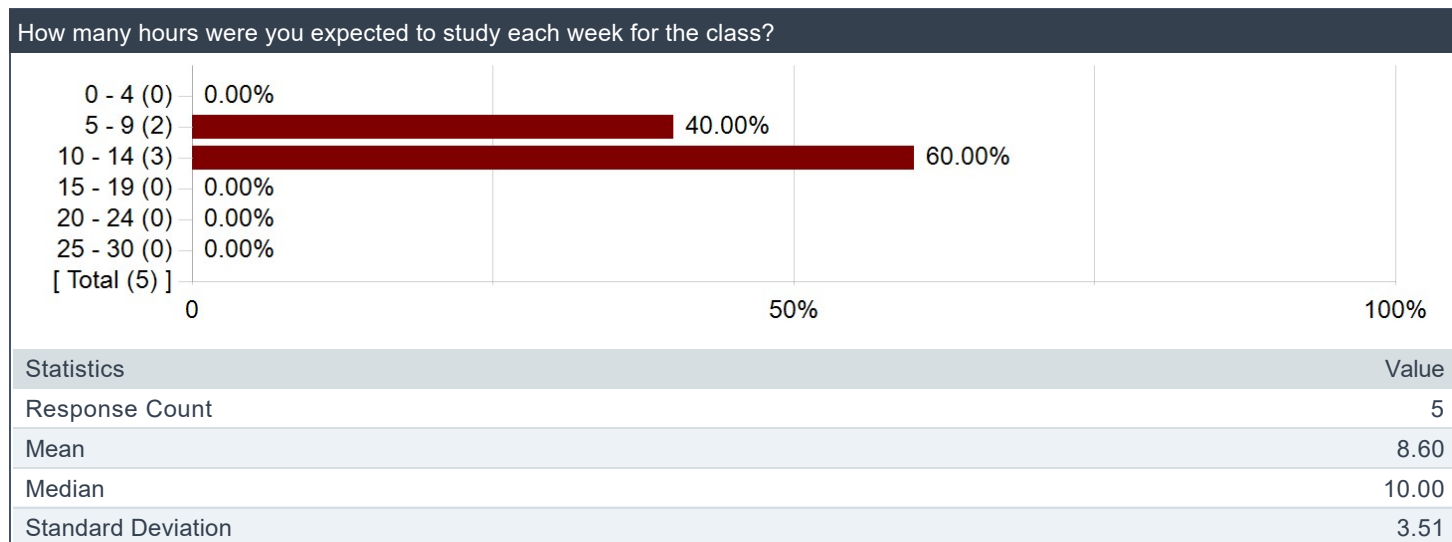


## Why?

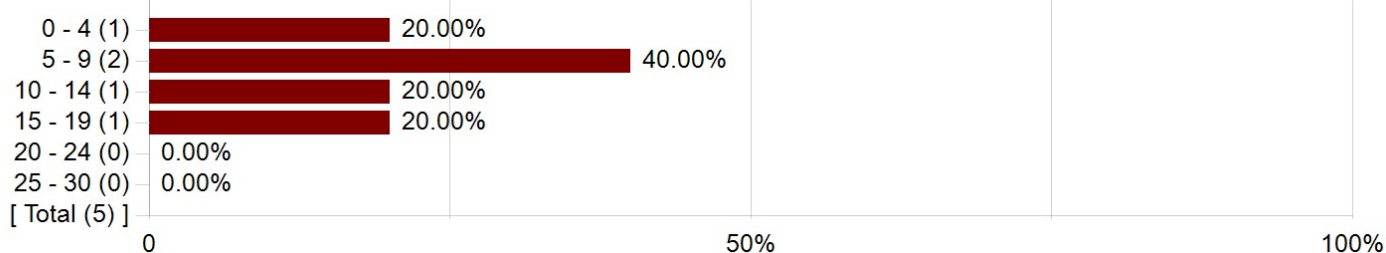
Comments
As with any introductory course, you're going to need to know words in the new language.
It's like that line in Dead Poets Society—Agricola, agricolae...
The vocab assignments on Cerego were crucial and helped me learn the vocab with minimal time commitment and stress
Latin vocabulary can also help one expand their English vocab.

## Describe the format of the class (lecture, drills, etc.). Was this format productive? Please be specific.

Comments
Classes were divided between presentations of new material, reading Latin works, and translating from the workbook.
Lectures and drills required at least once a quarter.
The format was great— going over homework and questions, doing exercises in class where we translate or practice forms, repetition that solidifies memory
When we first learned new material, Prof C would spend the class lecturing about it to us, which I thought was useful. But most other classes consisted of us going over the homework and cold-calling on us for answers to homework questions. I did not think this was as useful, and I would have appreciated more class time spent drilling material we hadn't seen before.
Every Monday and Friday, there was a lecture. Every Wednesday, we read Latin texts to improve our translation skills. Every Friday we also had a Quiz on work we learned that week.

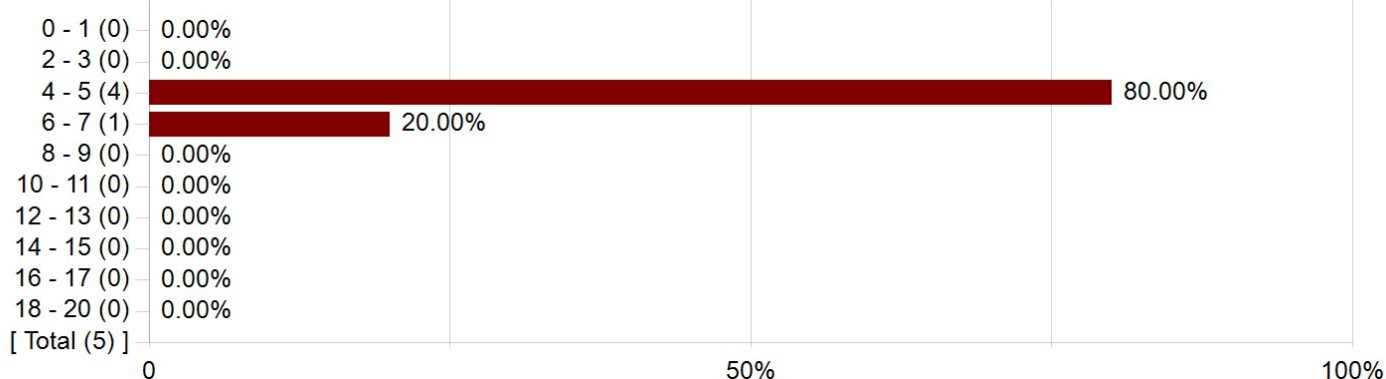


### How many hours did you spend?



Statistics	Value
Response Count	5
Mean	8.00
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	5.66

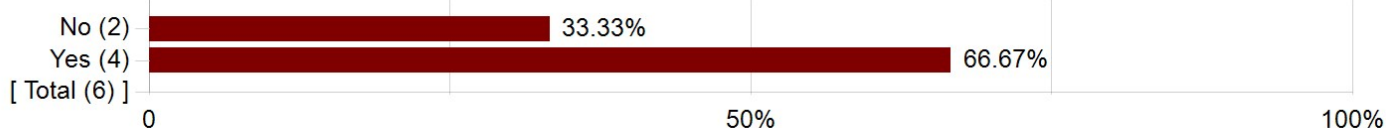
### How many written quizzes were given?



Statistics	Value
Response Count	5
Mean	5.00
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	1.22

### Were there daily assignments? (i.e., journals)?

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### If there were required outside activities (i.e. foreign films or SCOLA), describe your experience.

#### Comments

Drill sessions were helpful to check understanding on a more one-on-one level

We were required to use Cerego for vocabulary practice. I didn't mind it but sometimes it was annoying that it made you learn the vocab over a long period of time rather than being able to complete the assignment in a couple of days.

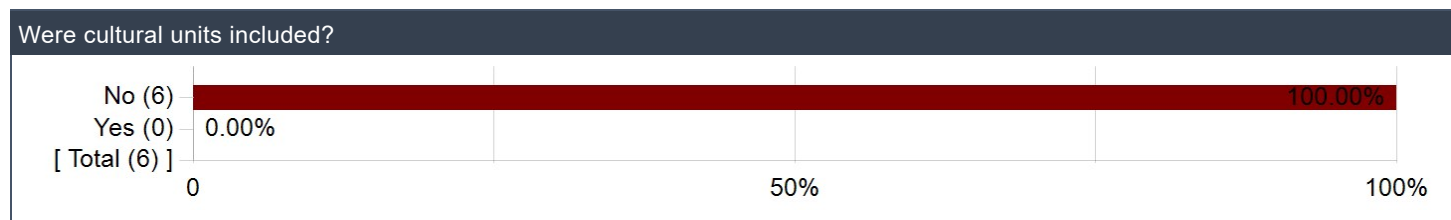
## Was your instructor organized?

Mean	Median	Very Unorganized	Somewhat Unorganized	Fairly Organized	Somewhat Organized	Very Organized
4.33	5.00	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	83.33%

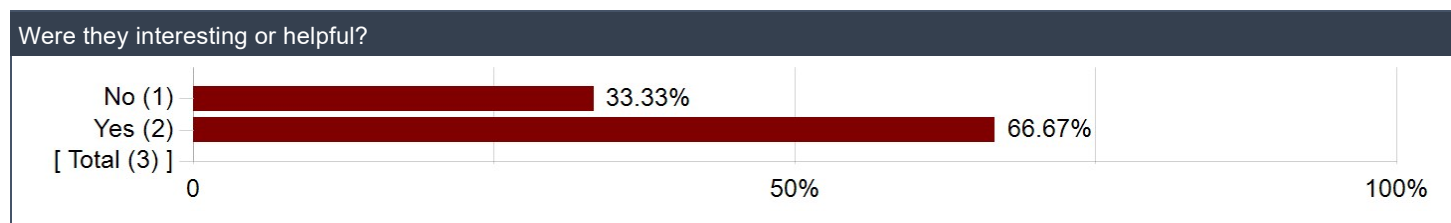
## Explain

Comments
Class schedule was laid out very clearly on Canvas, and it was always known in advance what would be happening each day
Class was structured, and I knew what to expect every class in regards to HW, Quizzes and other assignments.

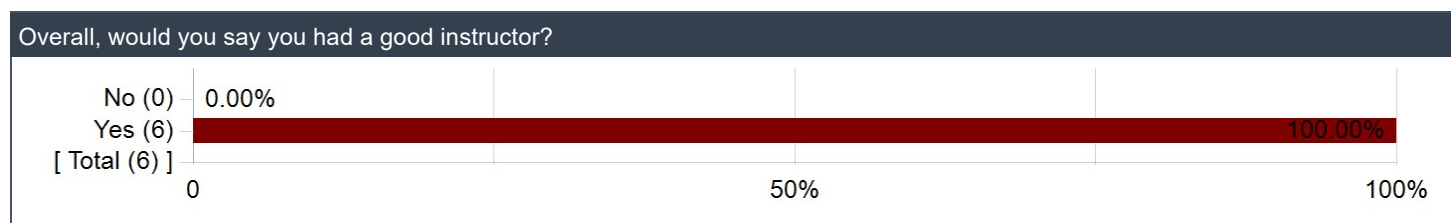
## Were cultural units included?



## Were they interesting or helpful?



## Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



## Why?

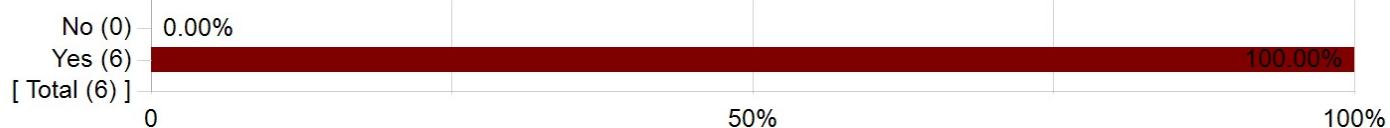
Comments
Very energetic and cheerful professor who clearly knows his stuff– can't say a bad word about Prof. C
Prof. C. is a great instructor! I've tried learning languages before & never before have I actually made any progress learning/actually properly engaging with the material,
He knows how to teach Latin. The way he made us be super precise with pronunciation, spelling, and translation was extremely helpful for memorization
Very kind and knowledgeable. He was also very helpful when you needed extra help.

## Please provide your TA's name. Did the TA answer your questions fully and clearly?

Comments
Kai Fang— Kai was great! He answered all the questions I had and made sure I knew what I needed to know

## Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?

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## In what way?

### Comments

The course is a good introduction to both the Latin language and a little bit of Roman culture that you learn through the way the language is structured, some nice insights into how Romans saw their world in terms of language

I knew next to know Latin coming into this class, and now I can read sentences and recognize many forms

Considering that I knew next to nothing about Latin before this course, I learned a lot! It really covers a lot of content in a short amount of time.

Latin is a hard language and if one is able to understand it dramatically, then it is easy to pick up other easier languages quicker.

## How would you improve this course?

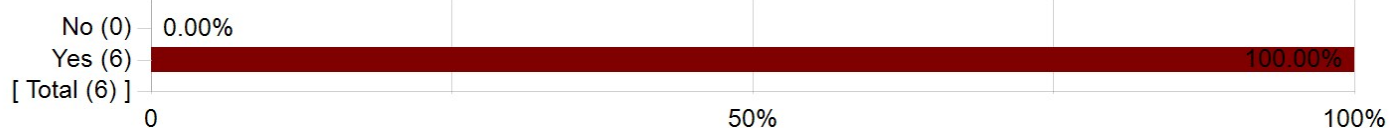
### Comments

Nothing, it was great

I felt like it was intimidating to speak to the professor at times. Perhaps if that barrier could be removed, it would be easier to seek out help as our professor was very much willing to offer it.

## Would you recommend this class to another student?

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## Why?

### Comments

Prof C is a great teacher and has very extensive knowledge and passion for Latin

Good language taught by a good professor.