Objectives of the course

In this we will turn from text book Latin, to the Latin of Ovid, and on top of learning about more complex verbal forms such as the pluperfect tense and the gerundive, we will also cultivate an acquaintance with a half-dozen or so of the myths contained in Ovid's Metamorphosis, some background information about Roman civilization in Ovid's day, and the role of Latin literature in subsequent Western civilization.

The textbook


Quizzes, tests and grades

There is an hour exam, a mid-term and a final in this course. The dates are given on the schedule of homework assignments and tests. Brief quizzes are given sporadically throughout the semester.

If you miss a quiz, test, or exam you will receive an "F." Obviously special circumstances may permit the "F" to be excused but it is up to you to communicate with me about it -- preferably in advance. This should be done in my office or by e-mail, not in class or over the telephone, please.

The class

I expect you to come to class and I assume that if you are absent, you have a good reason for being so. You do not have to tell me if you are going to miss a class, nor do you have to explain why you missed one. I will ask you to chose your seat for the semester in the second meeting so that I can use a seating chart to learn your name and keep an informal check on attendance. We all must make an effort to arrive on time, to
remove caps, to abstain from food, drink, gum, and tobacco in the classroom, and to treat all members of
the class with courtesy and respect.

Getting help

I am committed to your success in this class; however, for me to do my part, you have to do your part. This
means: (a) coming to class prepared -- see the schedule of homework assignments and tests, (b)
communicating promptly with me by e-mail or during office hours if you are experiencing difficulty.
Please don't wait until a minor problem has turned into a crisis. My office hours are there for your benefit.
Please come by and let's get to know one another. I welcome your feedback on the class; the
more I know about how the course is going for you, the more I can do to make your experience successful.

Getting information

There is a page of notices and information about the course. You should check it from time to time as it
may contain new information about the course, notices of changes in the schedule of classes, tests and
assignments and grades on tests and quizzes. Grades are posted under the last four digits of your student ID
number. You can contact me anytime by e-mail.

Schedule

Note: The following schedule represents my hopes for what we will cover this semester. Should
adjustments become necessary, this schedule will be updated and a reminder to get the new schedule will
be given in class and posted on the grades and notices page. Except for the first two chapters, we usually
take three classes to cover the material in each chapter. It takes most people three sessions to memorize
(yes, I said "memorize!") the new vocabulary. For the first day of a new chapter, you should work on the
vocabulary, read the introduction (if the chapter has one - usually when a new story is begun) and look over
the structure section. For the second day, work on the vocabulary and prepare the exercises at the end of the
chapter. For the third day, work on the vocabulary and prepare the story.

Date
Read tales from Ovid, including, but not limited to the following:
Europa et Taurus
Minerva et Arachne (1)
Minerva et Arachne (2)
Minerva et Arachne (3)
Latona et Niobe (1)
Latona et Niobe (2)
Pan et Syringa
Callisto (1)
Midterm
Callisto (2)
Philemon et Baucis (1)
Philemon et Baucis (2)
Echo et Narcissus