



## McLean High School Course Description and Expectations

**Courses:** AP Vergil, AP Latin Literature (Ovid and Catullus)

**Prerequisites:** Latin 3 (with teacher recommendation), Latin 4.

**Short Course Description:** The purpose of this course is to take the Advanced Placement examination on Vergil (epic poetry) or Ovid and Catullus (lyric poetry). Students will study the literary techniques used by the Roman authors and learn aspects of stylistic analysis, with emphasis on refining the student’s ability to read and understand Latin poetry and on comprehending and interpreting the readings from either Vergil or Ovid and Catullus. Students will also study the political, social, and cultural backgrounds of the works being read, as well as classical influences upon later literature. The course will prepare students to take the Advanced Placement Latin examination given each May, for which placement and/or credit may be awarded at the college level if a qualifying score is obtained.

**Summer Assignment:** may include reading a short novel or historical fiction.

**Work Load during the School Year:** 90 minutes of homework per 90 minute class. There will 2-3 major tests per quarter which will include extensive essay writing.

**Special Course Information:** Regular attendance is crucial to success in the class. Students may need to purchase an AP preparation book or reader as the AP syllabus changes frequently.

**Available Support:** Teachers are available to help students after school as necessary.

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