

Why study Latin?

 The study of Latin has been demonstrated to increase SAT verbal scores.

Mean Verbal SAT scores (2002)

All students	504
Latin	666
French	637
German	622
Spanish	581

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- Latin helps develop an understanding of English grammar and vocabulary.
- Latin provides a solid foundation for the acquisition of other languages.
- Reading, writing and translating Latin sharpens the mind.
- The civilizations of Greece and Rome link us to 57 nations on four continents.

Who studies Latin today?

- Students who like mythology.
- Students who like to read.
- Students who are interested in comparing old times with modern times.
- Students who want to increase their English vocabulary.
- Students who enjoy logic puzzles.
- Students who like words.
- Students interested in learning Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian, and/or other Romance languages.
- Students considering possible careers in law, medicine, science, writing, teaching, business, banking, politics, international relations, and a host of others!

Opportunities for Latin students

- State Fall Forum (Saturday of state level competitions and workshops)
- State Convention (Weekend of state level competitions and workshops)
- National Latin Exam
- National Junior Classical League Convention
- National Latin Honor Society
- Trips abroad to Italy and/or Greece
- Nominations for Governor's Honor Program for Latin
- AP and IB Latin program
- Local club activities

Curriculum offerings *subject to change, see SFHS course guide

Year 1	Latin I	
Year 2	Latin II	Latin III
Year 3	AP Latin Literature (or Virgil)	
Year 4	AP Latin Virgil (or Literature) or IB Latin (for IB seniors only)	

F.A.Q.s

Q: Can I study more than one language?

A: YES!! We encourage students to study a modern language in conjunction with Latin. The vocabulary and grammar structures of Latin parrallel those of Spanish, French and German. The majority of our Latin students have also studied (or are studying) another language in high school as well.

Q: Will colleges accept Latin for foreign language credit?

A: YES!

- "We add on extra 'weight' when we see Latin on a transcript."
- Philip Ballinger, Dean of Admissions, Gonzaga University
- "Classical languages on a transcript indicate seriousness of purpose and true devotion to a rigorous program of study."
- Fred Zuker, Vice President and Dean of Student Services, University of Dallas

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Q: Isn't Latin harder than (Spanish / French / German)?

A: NO!! Like any foreign language Latin does require learning new vocabulary and grammar, but Latin has only a limited spoken component. Latin is a very logical language that follows predictable patterns.

Q: How many foreign language credits do I need?

A: Georgia requires two years of the same language to graduate. Three or four years are strongly encouraged.

"the student studying for four years has a genuine interest in knowledge and education, not just in fulfilling minimum foreign language requirements."

Matthew Potts, Admissions Counselor, University of Notre Dame

"Three to four years of a language shows follow through and a deeper level of interest."

Michael C. Behnke, Vice President for Enrollment, University of Chicago