

A FRESH START: LATIN AT SICP!

Q: Do all Classics students begin their Latin studies at SICP?

A: Yes, 99.999 % of incoming Latin students begin with Latin I.

Q: Do most students like Latin?

A: Most students who choose Latin like it because it is a fresh start. They find that they like the classes and continue for four years. By the time they graduate, students get the opportunity to read such authors as Julius Caesar, Cicero, Ovid, and Vergil.

Q: How many years of a language are required at SICP?

A: For graduation, a student must take three years of the same language.

Q: Why take four years of Latin?

A: Four years of the language fulfills part of the requirements of the Honors Diploma. Also, many significant colleges and universities prefer four years of a language. In addition, Latin strengthens language skills in English. The College Board reports higher verbal scores for students who take Latin.

Q: Are there extracurriculars related to Latin?

A: Absolutely, SICP has a strong Classics Club. They compete with other schools in *Certamen* (students compete in teams to show their knowledge of the Ancient Greek and Roman world) and participate in the National Junior Classical League. Please e-mail Mr. Sparapani for more information (see e-mail address below).

Q: What if I have studied Latin?

A: We have a placement exam on April 1st to insure that you are placed in the correct class.

Q: Do you offer Ancient Greek?

A: For students who do well in Latin I, we offer a special three-year Latin-Greek program that begins in the sophomore year. Students learn to read excerpts from Homer by their junior year. During senior year, students read excerpts from Aesop, Herodotus, Thucydides, Xenophon and Plato.

Q: Is there a summer trip to Rome or Greece?

A: Yes. Every two years we have a summer trip to Italy, Greece, or Roman Europe. The next trip will be summer 2017. Please e-mail Mr. Sparapani for more information (see email address below).

Q: What if we have additional questions?

A: Please feel free to e-mail any of our Latin teachers with any concerns or questions you have.

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