

Why Study Latin?

Why study Latin? Isn't it considered a dead language? Why does it matter anymore? These are great questions!

First, Latin is more than a dead language. Did you know that the romance languages of today are all derived from Latin? Spanish, French, and Italian are all children of Latin. Latin is often called the mother tongue of Western civilization. **Those who study Latin first as a foundation are able to acquire languages of today with greater fluency, speed, and enjoyment.**

Secondly, the Latin language is highly disciplined, systematic, and analytic. In other words, **Latin teaches English better than English teaches English.** Grammar teachers will tell you that our modern day English is one of the most difficult languages to learn. However, the study of Latin grammar and rules gives a framework for understanding modern day grammar.

The facts speak for themselves. On average, Latin students scored higher in reading and writing than other language students.

Mean Verbal SAT Scores for 2014		
	Critical Reading	Writing
Chinese	591	614
French	639	646
German	630	637
Italian	608	620
Japanese	587	603
Korean	573	617
Latin	685	685
Spanish	592	602

Lastly, the study of Latin stimulates the mind in practical ways. **Latin students are trained to be observant, accurate, analytical, and logical.** These disciplines help shape well rounded, classically trained students who can think on their feet and problem solve with creativity.