

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY**COURSE DESIGNATOR: SAJ1501HY L0101**

THE CONTENT OF THIS DESCRIPTION IS NOT A LEARNING CONTRACT AND THE INSTRUCTOR IS NOT BOUND TO IT. IT IS OFFERED IN GOOD FAITH AND INTENDED AS A HELPFUL GUIDE TO THE STUDENT. THE OFFICIAL COURSE SYLLABUS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE FIRST CLASS.

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TITLE: Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin**TERM:** 20109 (September 2010)
 20111 (January 2011)**PROFESSOR:** Mechtilde T. O'Mara**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO _____UNLIMITED X **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Beginning with a quick review of English grammar, the course will introduce the grammar and syntax of the Latin language and provide practice in their use in order to lead students to a reading knowledge of Ecclesiastical Latin : the Vulgate, Canon Law, Ambrose, Augustine, Jerome, Aquinas, prayers, hymns, liturgical texts, and other documents.

Evaluation will be based on course assignments, weekly class participation, periodic tests, and a final examination.

Please note that the second hour of each class is a mandatory tutorial.

COURSE OUTCOMES OR OBJECTIVES: That the students learn

- 1) the basics of Latin grammar and syntax.
- 2) the basic vocabulary of Latin especially as it pertains to the Latin Vulgate
- 3) to read and understand Latin texts in the original language
- 4) to recognize connections between Latin and English
and between Latin and the Romance languages
- 5) to pronounce ecclesiastical Latin and read it correctly and confidently
- 6) to improve their English vocabulary and writing skills by observing closely the way in which language works
- 7) to experience the delight of mastering a new skill that can impact their study of scripture, ecclesiology, history
- 8) to participate in Latin liturgies at international celebrations: Eucharistic Congresses, World Youth days etc.

PREREQUISITES: None**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Collins, John F. *A Primer of Ecclesiastical Latin*. Washington D.C.:The Catholic University of America Press.

Stelten, Leo F. *Dictionary of Ecclesiastical Latin: with an Appendix of Latin Expressions Defined and Clarified*. Peabody, Mass: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 1995.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

Goldman, Norma W. *English Grammar for Students of Latin: the Study Guide for those learning Latin*. Third edition. Ann Arbor: the Olivia and Hill Press, 2007.

Access to a copy of the *Biblia Vulgata*

POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:

Quiz in first class of the following months: October, November, February, March.

Weekly exercises and class participation; Tests in December, April exam periods: both written and oral.