PLACEMENT IN LATIN COURSES FALL 2008

Beginning FALL 2008, the Department of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies (CAMS) will offer a new sequence of Latin courses: Latin 101 (Introductory Latin) in Fall 2008; Latin 102 (Advanced Latin) in Spring 2009; and Latin 203 (Latin Reading and Composition) in Fall 2009.

Students registering for Latin in Fall 2008 will see that the Latin program is in transition and that there is a choice among

- Latin 101
- Latin 002
- Latin 003
- 400-level Latin courses

Students who have taken Latin 001 at Penn State must proceed to Latin 002.

Students who have taken Latin 002 must proceed to Latin 003.

Incoming students and currently-enrolled students who already have a number of Carnegie units of Latin language study prior to their admission at Penn State will have to determine their own placement following these guidelines:

- Students <u>with fewer than two units (years) of Latin study</u> should take Latin 101.
- Students <u>with two or three units (years) of Latin study</u> may take Latin 101 or Latin 002. If students choose to place into Latin 002, they must score at least 75 points on the standard placement exam, which is available on the CAMS homepage (in the left hand vertical menu).
- Students <u>with four or more units (years) of Latin study</u> may take Latin 101 or Latin 003 or a 400-level Latin course. They may not take Latin 002. Students who wish to take Latin 003 should score at least 82 points on the standard placement exam, which is available on the CAMS homepage (in the left hand vertical menu). Students scoring more than 95 points should consider taking a 400-level Latin course

Students with Latin AP credits may also wish to use the following guidelines for placement:

- Students with an AP score of 3 should take Latin 002 or Latin 003, depending on how they do on the placement exam (see above).
- Students with an AP score of 4 should take Latin 003.
- Student with an AP score of 5 should take either Latin 003 or 400-level Latin, depending on how they do on the placement exam.

Instructors of Latin 002 and Latin 003 will confirm whether the placement of a student is correct at the beginning of the semester. Students who are incorrectly placed will be advised to register for Latin 101, if there is room. If a student is uncertain about his or her Latin preparation and wants to study Latin at Penn State, it is advisable to register for Latin 101 as soon as possible.