



LATIN

Latin – A dead language or the foundation for a wider, deeper engagement with the world around us? Why we teach Latin at Liberty Classical Academy.

The English Language

More than half of the English language has its foundations in Latin. Thousands of our words are constructed from just a handful of Latin roots. And even beyond the actual words and vocabulary, Latin's conjugation structure is also the foundation and framework for the English counterpart. Latin is the framework and practical guide to understanding the language we speak, and providing the structure, context, and foundations for the way we communicate ideas.

Improved Academic Performance and Better Thinking

There is no shortage of studies and resources to point to the benefits of Latin when it comes to performance on standardized tests and assessments. And academic readiness is demonstrated in many ways, from one's ability to retain and recall data to one's capacity for processing information and applying it critically to decision making. Latin's complex systems of conjugation and declension actually engage higher-order thinking processes, such as analysis, synthesis, and evaluation. Some have even equated Latin's ability to organize language to the equations that mathematics uses to organize and compartmentalize concepts and problems. Latin's structure and system provides a logical, sequenced order to language and reason.

If we want to build people who can think critically, we have to equip them with the tools to do that and Latin is one of the key tools!

Far From Being a Dead Language

Latin serves as the foundation for much of our speaking and thinking. It serves as the framework for learning as well as the system for processing, evaluating, and communicating. That's why Latin is a unique—and essential—component of a Liberty Classical Academy education. Latin lives on through English and all other romance languages, thus helping our students more easily learn and understand romance languages like Spanish and French, languages which students take in the Upper School at Liberty.