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Disce!

An Introductory Latin Course

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COMBINE THE BEST OF THE READING METHOD AND GRAMMAR-FIRST APPROACHES WITH *DISCE!* An Introductory Latin Course

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Designed to bring students to the point where they can read Latin fluently, *DISCE!* combines the best of both the reading and grammar-translation approaches.

An original, unified story provides controlled introduction to vocabulary and grammar in context while also utilizing orderly and clear grammar explanations in every chapter. It thus combines the grammar-first approach and the reading-based approach. The guiding principle throughout is what is best for the student and for the particular concepts being studied at any given moment. *DISCE!* is for use in introductory Latin programs and appeals to students of varying abilities and instructors from a wide variety of institutions and curricula. It is suitable for both high school and college students.

Features:

Strongest Combination of Grammar & Reading Approaches

- *DISCE!* is the only introductory Latin text that combines the best features of both the traditional grammar-translation textbook and the reading approach, based upon a continuous narrative. Some grammar is best learned by induction while some is best learned through prior explanations of the grammar, and rooting the grammar in the continuous story of two families living in Rome ca. 9 A.D., allows the student to acquire new skills in a familiar setting.

Pragmatic Introduction to Grammar

- *DISCE!* is focused on teaching students how to read Latin. Thus grammar and vocabulary are both introduced in the order of greatest frequency within commonly read authors. Each reading is preceded by just enough grammar to prepare the students to read the next *Lectiō*, and these are followed by complete explanations. Finally, an *Angulus Grammaticus* section concludes each chapter, and provides more traditional and in-depth explanations and terminology for teachers and students who desire more.

Original, Engaging Storyline

- *DISCE!* is carefully structured to lead students to read authentic Latin within the time pressures imposed by various curricula. *DISCE!* is based upon a connected storyline set in Rome ca. 9 B.C. and following the lives of two families—one well to do and one working class. The story engages student interest and provides a framework within which to include the appropriate Roman cultural units.

Standards for Classical Learning

- The five standards for Classical learning (Communication, Culture, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities) are woven into every chapter of *DISCE!*, cultural material in *Mōrēs Rōmānī*, the influence of Latin in *Latīna Hodierna*, and the Roman geographical world in *Orbis Terrārum Rōmānus*.

Transition to Authentic Roman Authors

- Authentic Latin appears in every chapter, often worked into the story line and in various chapter sections. Such readings are adapted to the student's current reading level. Authentic readings include not only literary texts but also coins, inscriptions, and other documents. At the end of the book, every passage thus used appears unchanged and fully annotated to help the student make the leap to authorial Latin.

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GRAMMATICA

The Vocative Case
Perfect Tense (3rd person, sing. and pl.)
The Concept of Tense
Time Expressions

MŌRĒS RŌMĀNĪ

Tempus Fugit (telling time in ancient Rome). Includes references to time by authors like Ovid and Vergil

LATĪNA HODIERNA

Telling Time by the Romans (Latin based terms for telling time in English and the Romance languages)

ORBIS TERRĀRUM RŌMĀNUS

The Campus Martius, with an emphasis on the Sōlārium Augustī

ANGULUS GRAMMATICUS

More on the Vocative

LECTIŌ PRĪMA & LECTIŌ SECUNDA

While Lucius, the young son in the aristocratic family, gets a ride home in a lectica with his sister Servilia, the women in the lower class family close up their snack shop for the day.

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