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# Disce!

## An Introductory Latin Course

VOLUMES 1 & 2

Colleagues,

We are very proud and excited about the publication of our new text for Elementary Latin courses, *Disce!: An Introductory Latin Course*, with Pearson Education.

*Disce!* is based on the belief that both the reading-first and the grammar-translation approaches have pedagogical value and thus combines the best features of both. The guiding principle at any moment is what is best for the student and for the particular items being studied.

- **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.
- **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.
- **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 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.
- **Standards for Classical Learning** - The five standards for Classical learning (Communication, Culture, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities) are woven into every chapter of *Disce!* via the 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 the *Mōrēs Rōmānī* section.

*Disce!* is also the first text to be supported by MyLatinLab, providing the most modern course management and online support to a Classical language. We hope that as you review *Disce!*, you will agree that we provide instructors and students with a fully integrated Latin program designed expressly for classrooms and students of the 21st century.

Thank you for considering *Disce!* for use in your course!

Sincerely,  
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