

## BUT WHAT CAN I DO WITH LATIN?



A Roman lawyer from Trier, Germany

Students with qualifications in Classics (Latin and Greek) go into a variety of professional careers. In the modern world, nearly 40% of jobs do not need special skills or knowledge since these often go out of date very quickly. What many employers are looking for is people who can solve problems, think precisely and communicate clearly.



Coach Joe Paterno: an honorary member of Eta Sigma Phi Classics Honorary Society at Penn State University, 1991

### Possible careers:

Advertising	Insurance	Banking
Accountancy	Computing	Journalism
Management	Publishing	Television
Teaching	Marketing	Theatre
Finance	Medicine	Museums
Civil Service	The Law	Football

"Latin is the basis of English and the Romance Languages. Early study builds a strong foundation for languages as well as thinking skills."

*John Mora, producer  
PBS and Discovery channels*



A mosaic showing Paregorius the baker from Trier, Germany

A large vocabulary and language skills give students a competitive edge in SAT scores, college admissions, and advancement in the job market.

**CLASSICISTS CAN DO ANYTHING!**

## SO WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?



To study Latin is to encounter face to face the smartest, funniest, most beautiful minds that have ever lived.

**TELLER, comedian**



JCL students, Greater Hartford Classical Magnet School

- National Committee for Latin and Greek [www.promotelatin.org](http://www.promotelatin.org)
- National Junior Classical League [www.njcl.org](http://www.njcl.org)
- National Latin Exam [www.nle.org](http://www.nle.org)
- American Classical League [www.aclclassics.org](http://www.aclclassics.org)

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**"Latin - my favorite subject in school and in life."**  
*John Donahue, Director, Employee Development, MAXIMUS, INC.*

**MORE THAN JUST  
A LANGUAGE**

# LATIN



Roman Aqueduct, Pont Du Gard, France

**L**atin was the language of the ancient Romans but about a quarter of the world's population still keep Latin alive in their speech today with languages directly descended from Latin. Look at the numbers 1-3 set out below to see how Latin has influenced other languages.

Latin	Italian	Spanish	French	English
unus	uno	uno	un	one
duo	due	dos	deux	two
tres	tre	tres	trois	three
pater	padre	padre	pere	father
mater	madre	madre	mere	mother
me	me	me	me	me

## Over 50% of English words come from Latin

– and Latin can also be seen, for example, in the botanical names of flowers and plants, in legal terms and in many phrases in everyday use like etc. (et cetera), e.g. (exempli gratia), a.m. (ante meridiem), per cent and post mortem. No other language has contributed so much to English.

## Source of 90% of English words over two syllables

“Latin has improved my English vocabulary immeasurably.” **MARK RUSHTON, AGE 16**

“Translating Latin is satisfying – it’s like a puzzle.” **ANN KHAN, AGE 15**



Saturnalia festival, Schreiber H. S., Port Washington, New York

## Some of the finest literature ever written is in Latin

In Virgil’s epic poem *The Aeneid* you could read how Rome was founded by the great Trojan hero Aeneas. Ovid tells the story of Daedalus and Icarus, the first people who tried to fly, and Catullus writes love-poetry to his girlfriend. For nearly 2,000 years these have been enjoyed by people like you.

“Some of the best works of literature ever written are in Latin.” **TOM CARY, AGE 15**

*“She swears she’d rather marry me Than anyone – even Jupiter, Supposing he were after her. She swears: but what a girl will swear To the man who loves her ought to be Scribbled on water, scrawled on air.”*  
**Catullus, Roman poet, 84–54 B.C.**



Portrait of a Roman lady from Hawara, Egypt (No. 74706 Dept. of Egyptian Antiquities, British Museum)

Related subjects come alive because the Romans influenced scientific terms, city planning, mythology, history, athletics, film, theater, historical fiction, fine art and classical music.

“Latin is cool – the games and trips are brilliant.” **RAJ BATHULA, AGE 11**



The Roman Baths at Bath

## The Romans were brilliant builders

Hadrian’s Wall is 112km long and required 1 million cubic metres of stone. They were fantastic engineers – the 9 aqueducts carrying water to Rome supplied 11,500 litres every second, with one aqueduct over 90km long. They were superb architects – the Colosseum in Rome could hold over 50,000 spectators, who came in through 160 different entrances.

“Latin opens up a whole new world as it introduces you to a different language, a different time and a different culture.”  
**JULIA ROSENBAUM, AGE 13**

The Roman army, marching along the 90,000km of Roman roads, brought peace and civilisation to a large empire, stretching from Britain to Syria, Germany to North Africa. Today the study of Latin is more than just a language – it is an introduction to a whole new world.

“Latin helps you with your other subjects, like Modern Languages, Science or Music.”  
**CLAIRE PINCHES, AGE 16**

Rome: a heritage shared by North and South Americans, Europeans and citizens of many third world nations helps bring students into the mainstream of western culture.

Roman soldier, Midlothian H.S., Virginia



FROM THE PAST

TO THE PRESENT

FOR THE FUTURE