Course Description

This course aims at establishing reading proficiency in Latin. We will begin by reviewing Latin grammar and syntax covered in Latin 001 and 002 (or equivalent courses) and reading some inscriptions.

In the second part of the semester, we will read elections from A) Augustus’ Res Gestae, a pamphlet detailing the accomplishment of the first Roman emperor and the state of the Empire and B) letters of Pliny the younger (c. AD 61-113), a prominent lawyer, administrator and landowner, whose letters throw invaluable light on the Rome of his day and provide one of the fullest self-portraits to survive from classical times.