

# Count and Percent Latin Interest Survey

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	Count	Percent	
<b>If courses in Latin were offered at WIU, would you consider enrolling in one or more of them?</b>			<b>Respondents: 450</b>
Yes	266	59.11 %	
No	124	27.56 %	
Not Sure	60	13.33 %	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>	

<b>What is your year in school?</b>			<b>Respondents: 501</b>
Freshman	60	11.98 %	
Sophomore	65	12.97 %	
Junior	125	24.95 %	
Senior	121	24.15 %	
Graduate Student	122	24.35 %	
Non-Degree seeking student	8	1.60 %	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>	

<b>Which is your primary campus?</b>			<b>Respondents: 502</b>
Macomb	447	89.04 %	
Quad Cities	42	8.37 %	
Other	13	2.59 %	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>	

<b>Do you have any plans to continue your education toward a professional or graduate degree?</b>			<b>Respondents: 484</b>
Yes	341	70.45 %	
No	44	9.09 %	
Not Sure	99	20.45 %	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>	

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I think it will be very useful. Latin is an important language.

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Initially, I had wanted to pursue ancient history at the graduate level. However, with no background in Latin and no opportunity to take Latin at WIU, I changed my plans. While I'm happy with the change, I would have loved if WIU had offered Latin to make pursuing ancient history more possible. If they offer Latin before fall 2007 (when I graduate), I will definitely enroll in a course.

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I think it would be a good idea for some people.

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It would be great

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What would be the reason to add Latin? I didn't even think Latin was widely used.

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I think Spanish would be better to offer at Western.

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The most interest outside of the foreign languages department would be from the sciences. It would have to be either required or highly recommended because most people do not think of it as a language worth spending time on until they realize they use it everyday.

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I am a pre-law minor and think that a latin course should be required for the minor.

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I think it would be very beneficial to those studying music.

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It is an interesting idea to have Latin as a possible foreign language. It seems like it would be helpful for those majors such as biologies or chemistries. Also, it seems like it could be a fun additional choice for other students. The usefulness of Latin seems limited though.

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I love Latin. I took two years of it in High School. Despite the fact that I was not very good at it, I had an amazing teacher and I loved the class. I also enjoyed learning about Greek mythology

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To be honest, I wouldn't take it but there may be others that would so I think it would be benifical even if I'm not interested

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I think it is a very good idea, and if it was offered as a gen ed class, i would not hesitate to take this class.

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This would be helpfulin my studies because a lot of the scientific names of animals come from latin roots, and knowing Latin would help me in my feild.

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Not at this time.

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I think this would be very helpful to anyone considering entering med or vet school, along with other grad schools in the sciences, especially biology.

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This is a spectacular idea, I can't believe it hasn't been done ye.

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I wanted to find a school that offered Latin but it doesnt seem to be as common as I'd hoped. I'd would greatly appreciate Latin classes becoming available.

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Before adding another language, maybe you should stregngthen the ones you already have.

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I think Latin would only be helpful to a select few students at WIU. I think Latin would help English students, Law students, and only a few others. While I certainly believe that Latin would benefit those students going on to study in Graduate school, I do not think the demand is high enough to justify a course.

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I did a latin course in undergrad and find it helps me all the time.

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It would be very helpful to those going into the Bio/Pre Med as there are many, many latin terms used. It would also be an asset to those in the english and literature programs who wish to further their understanding of our language and writing. All in all I think that Latin courses being added to the courses offered here at Western would be very beneficial to the University and to it's students.

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I think that this classic language would be a staple in the language department here at WIU. I was actually quite upset to learn, upon entering Western, that Latin courses did not exist. I personally would support this decision 100%.

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I hope it happens, but I doubt I could take a course.

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I took Latin at Monmouth College. I have two kids at Monmouth-Roseville High School taking Latin.

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No, there is nothing to add at this time.

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I think it is a fantastic idea. I had three consecutive semesters of Latin at my undergraduate institution. Although it was extremely challenging, I felt it actually helped me to understand the English language better, learn about history more, and appreciate the classics.

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Latin would really help History majors in advancing their education. It would help with getting accepted into better graduate programs.

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I think it would be cool to have a Latin course. Even though i am graduating it doesn't mean future students can't benefit from a Latin course.

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I think that offering Latin is a great idea because many students need to learn how important Latin is to understanding the English Language.

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I believe there is a need for Latin at WIU. Living in such a diverse society, we need to further develop our students in areas of multiculturalism to ensure that we are preparing civic leaders that are culturally sensitive to those different from he or she. Though, I checked the box to enroll in a Latin course if it was offered, nine times out of ten, I will not be here when this change is made. However, if I was, a Latin course would be one of the first courses I enroll in when registration begins! I hope this passes because I have heard students speaking about how long this topic has been up for debate.

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i am seeking a minor in neurobiology, and have always liked latin, and if i pursue medical school, it would be helpful

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I'm not really interested in Latin, but I'd love to be able to take Italian.

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I was really disapointed when i came here and learned that Latin was not offered.

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Latin is the heart of our language today and a necessary tool for anyone, but especially those in the sciences. I took Latin for 5 years and loved it and find applicability every day. You may want to consider courses like Greek and Latin Roots as well as the typical levels of Latin. I would absolutely love to see Italian implemented and am saddened to have come here without the possibility of continuing my education in that language.

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It would be a great option for biology students that would like a degree in a related field.

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I believe that Latin would allow students a great education and would benefit the campus greatly.

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If I had the extra time and money I would probably enroll in a Latin course, however I believe that WIU would better serve its students by offering more courses (and majors!) in major languages that are currently spoken in the world (i.e. expand the Chinese language program, introduce Arabic and Italian, develop a course of study for a generalized degree in foreign language).

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I think Latin is a good choice to teach here at WIU. I think a lot of kids would take part in at least one Latin class if possible.

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I think it would be nice to have it offered, but I don't think it would be beneficial to know it.

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I took Latin for four years in high school and it helps everyday in science classes, especially anatomy. It also makes a university seem more scholastic when classic languages are offered.

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this would be really great since most words come from latin you would be able to spell words better and also understand them better to. if you did offer latin at western i would take it. this was my major complaint at my last college

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It seems dumb. I mean it's a dead language that's been that way for 300 years. I see very little practical use unless you want to be a priest or possibly a Dr. but I don't think theyre alot of people aspiring to be Dr.'s here. Seems pointless.

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I think it should not be manditory, but as another language option. Also, it could be added to some interdisciplinary studies minor.

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i think that it would be a really good idea.

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I beleive that a Latin course would generally be of interest to Biology-type majors or Music-type majors. These majors would be able to find practical applications after learning the language whereas other majors would take the courses purely as an elective.

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I would certainly take a class. I would hope to have the opportunity before I graduate.

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As I understand it, the future of the German classes is in question. I do not think Latin should be added at the expense of German. SOLVE THE GERMAN QUESTION FIRST.

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A lot of medical words have latin roots, so it would be helpful for pre-med, pre-vet, and other medical degrees.

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It might be a good idea for pre-meds and perhaps Philosophy majors, but isn't it a dead language? I mean, who speaks latin?

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I would probably have taken at least one couse in Latin if I were a freshman or sophmore but not this far into my college career.

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Language courses at WIU are lacking. To be accepted to graduate programs, most universities require languages that are not even offered at WIU. Once WIU adds Latin, the university should add Arabic too. Its time to step into the modern world of education.

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I am already taking Latin at home, teaching myself. I would absolutely LOVE to have it offered at WIU, and would pursue it to the fullest offered.

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I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE.

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This would be valuable to me, since my interests include scholastic philosophy, much of which was written in

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Latin, and only some of this is available in English translation.

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It is a waste of a class. We should become more educated on Middle Eastern and the Indian languages.

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I think Latin should be encouraged for all teachers especially English teachers. So much of the English language is built on Latin and its principles and I think it would be an effective resource for teachers teaching English as a first or second language.

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I only need one Foreign Language class, so I am trying to take it as soon as possible to get it over with. If you are offering the class within the next two semesters, it could be a high possibility that I take it. But, I also would like to know what the intermediate class is about, so what would be taught to me, in order for me to take the class.

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I would like to take Korean.

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I took 4 courses in Latin in my high school and I really enjoyed the language and learning the history of the Ancient Romans. Also, I believe it expanded my vocabulary and an understanding of root words.

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It would be great to continue learning Latin and something I would enroll in.

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It's something that other colleges offer, why not us?

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I am a transfer student and this is my first semester here. Had I been a four year student I would have seriously considered the option, but I feel that with my time at Western limited I would prefer to focus on meeting all of my Major requirements.

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Latin being offered at WIU would be great. I have heard many people talk about wanting to take it, but can't. I think it would be a really good idea. I just hope that you offer it soon, so I can take it!

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I would like to take it as an informative class, but I have no real need to learn Latin at the moment.

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It sounds like a very interesting idea.

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NO

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I took two years of Latin in high school and it would have been nice to continue that when I came to WIU. I also took sign language and I was very excited to hear that sign language was being offered but EXTREMELY disappointed that it was not through the foreign language department. If you introduce Latin into the WIU course list, please make sure it will qualify as a foreign language for humanities GenEd credit.

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who needs it?

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I think that Latin at WIU is a very good idea. I'm really thinking about learning Latin because of the growing number of Latin population.

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Just to have a variety of Latin American Studies would be great.

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I think offering Latin would make WIU more attractive for history students.

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I'm interested in Latin culture, so I'd like to take some classes about its culture.

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I think other languages at Western would be more useful. Or more detailed study in the languages already offered like Chinese, Japanese, or ARABIC?

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Latin is very helpful in my major in studying literature and linguistics. I took it in high school in the 60s and

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now I'm glad I did. I'm getting my money's worth at Western because I came with this information.

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I think it is a neat idea for those who would have an interest in it.

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It would be nice to have another, unique degree to take. It would be really helpful for someone in journalism to have a minor that sets them apart from everyone else.

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I took two undergraduate classes at University of Iowa that were basically beginning Latin and Greek and absolutely loved them! They were a lot of fun, yet challenging.

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Latin would be fun, but how about more classes in the latin family? I would have loved to learn French this semester, but there were no remedial/beginner classes.

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For graduate students sometimes it's not possible to take language offerings since a program may be very set.

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After my completion of my degree in IDT, I would be interested in taking a course like this if it were offered online or in the quad cities.

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No

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It sounds interesting, but I wouldn't take it because I have no room in my schedule and I would have no need for it in my future.

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I like the idea that WIU would offer it. It's not that common in high school. If WIU does go through with offering courses in Latin I suggest that you tell prospective students what areas Latin could help in. For example, knowing Latin could help in knowing more about the English language and communication in general.

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Not really

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No.

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Since high school, I have found knowledge of Latin vocabulary and word roots in speaking, reading, and writing English to be extremely useful. A course or two that focused on those and related limited topics would be worth considering, but a full-blown Latin course sequence would be "overkill" and much less useful.

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Catholic Churches may begin offering mass in Latin.

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Do it.

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I think that it would be a fun challenge

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Latin should be a core course in a liberal arts school. It is important for learning critical thinking, understanding literature, science, politics, and foreign languages. Western should already offer this course series, and therefore should add it now.

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I believe that as a student and advisor that this would be incredibly valuable tool that people who are considering going on could use to increase their understanding of the english language and many term in biology and those that occur on the GRE. I believe that it would be a foreign language that students would take and that advisors would advise students take to improve their understanding of many of the terms that are part of their daily repertoire. Please, strongly push for this language course and please offer it as a humanities elective.

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Great opportunity for students to learn about the latin heritage!

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I took latin in highschool for 2 years and really enjoyed it...it enhances student's background...especially in the bio or medical field

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I think it would be a good idea, but not for me.

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I belive that Western Illinois University should have had a Latin Course before now, and i would have taken it as a minor.

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It is ashame Western does not have Latin. I have a friend that would like to go into Medieval studies and his life is made more difficult because of the lack of a program. I would like to take an introduction to Latin course simpley because it serves as a gateway to understanding other romance langauges. I also major in history and can see the many implications it would have for me were I too pursue that further. In general, if Western would like to attract more elite students it should offer Latin and Greek. I can only imagine that this would also help attract graduate students that would like to audit these classes. I can understand missing a Russian program, but at least an introductory program to latin and greek are essential to so many things one might be interested in doing academically that it is really a shame WIU doesn't have them. Perhaps in lieu of classes...if their is not enough interest currently at WIU...the school could sponsor and advertise Latin and Greek clubs sponsored by a professor with even rudimentary knowledge of the langauges? Thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

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I have often thought that anyone who is in a science program needs at least an introductory program in Latin and perhaps Greek. These two languages are used so much in science that many times knowing some of these languages helps with understanding names and descriptions.

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This course would be an advantage to anyone that is entering in the the medical field because of all the latin language used still. Im very interested in taking a course.

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I would take the class if it were to be offered.

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latin is a waste of time. No one speaks it. Only drama major losers would want to learn it. WHat could you do with a latin? It is so unimportant that I don't even capitalize the l. ab imo pectore

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this would be good for anybody in the ag, physics, and chem departments

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Foreign language courses should be offered in a more convenient manner. Class times conflict with other required courses for many majors.

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it would be intresting to see and learn more about it.

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i wish wiu already had it

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I am very interested in Latin Culture. I was actually majoring in Spanish at St. Ambrose University before transferring to WIU. Unfortunatly, Spanish is not offered at the QC Campus, so I chose the BOT. I would love to take some Latin courses.

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Latin is the basis of many languages. Acquiring a langauge has so many benefits. From knowing latin, it is easier to know definitions just from the origins.

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I would take it as an elective over summer break, just for fun.

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I think that Latin is an excellent option and should be encouraged as an elective in many disciplines. As a science major, I recognize its use in taxonomy and in the uderstanding behing the names of techincal

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phrases and jargon.

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My major complaint with WIU is that they don't offer courses in Latin or Greek.

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I think offering Latin at WIU would be essential for any student who takes Biology courses. A lot of words in Biology have latin roots, not to mention the scientific names of all organisms.

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I think that it would be interesting to learn a "dead" language.

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I just would like to see some classes is all.

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good idea, but i wouldn't have time for an extra class like latin with my demanding schedule. but a great opportunity for WIU students!

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I have always wanted to learn Latin. I think it will make learning other languages easier by giving me a foundation on which several languages are built. I also think it's something everyone should be at least familiar with. It's a part of our global history which touches us often even in our every day lives. It would be good to be able to look at inscriptions and mottos and be able to read and understand them.

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Teaching Latin still holds value for religion, history, and even literature courses. It allows people to view these forms in their original context, which would be better off in the learning experience.

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It is an archaic language and with tightening of educational dollars, money can be better spent on other programs.

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Maybe other languages courses offered at the QC campus would be great.

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Latin is a language of interest to many different people for many different reasons. Not only is it used by Catholics and the Church, but for people studying Wicca and Pagan beliefs, Latin is often the language in which spells are cast. Also, Christians who are not Catholic might have an interest in learning Latin in order to read the Bible in a language closer to the original language it was published in. These are reasons I think a Latin Program would be well-recieved by WIU students.

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We need a Latin course if we are to become the leading comprehensive university in the United States. A university without Latin will certianly not be the leader of comprehensive universities.

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I believe a Latin program would be of great benefit to WIU students as Latin promotes logical thinking and of course in the basis for romance languages and much of the English language.

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While learning any other language is a good idea, learning latin at this point is a non-essential venture. I would rather learn Chinese as that will prove invaluable given the need for benefiting from the growth patterns in mainland China!

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Contrary to popular belief, Latin is not a dead language. Even my high school Latin has helped me develop a better vocabulary and understanding of the English language. Students may be surprised at how relevant an understanding of Latin is today.

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I think that it would be good to take a Latin class, so many of our words as well as scientific names (of course)come from Latin, and to know more about Latin would broaden the understanding of these terms and make it more meaningful, as well as easier to understand and remember them.

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I think it would be great! As a Bio major I deal with Latin names a lot, and it would make pronunciation and spelling much easier. It would also make the names given to organisms make much more sense if one knew

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the root of the name.

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English is the new Latin.

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I don't think Latin is a language that is needed in the world anymore.

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I think Latin would be helpful especially for science based programs. Although I did not have any Latin, it may have helped since many root words are based on Latin. I don't know if there would be high demand for advanced classes.

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I really hope that this does not mean the end of German at WIU. Latin would be wonderful, but German would be of more direct use to students of political science, art, music, business, etc., as well as travellers. I know that the future of German classes is already hanging in the balance, so where will the staff be found to teach Latin if we are already understaffed?

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In my chosen field of Zoology I would consider taking Latin in the hope that it might help me with the pronunciation and meanings of the scientific names of plants and animals.

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Being able to speak latin would help people in the biological sciences to understand scientific names without even actually knowing what the species was beforehand.

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My question to having Latin is how much of a demand is there for it really?

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More of an authentic setting of a class. It shouldn't be so bookish. It should promote authentic learning experiences.

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Not at this time.

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I am not sure it would do that well.

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As someone who takes many classes in Roman civilization, I would love to see Latin offered as a course because it would help me in my field of study. I also think it would benefit other language majors, because Latin is such a fundamental part of many languages. It would also benefit science majors, as anatomy and classifications are largely used with latin words or roots. I'd strongly support Latin on campus.

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I think it would essential to add not just a latin department, but a Latin American Studies Department, that would focus on Latin Culture, History, Current Affiars, any many other sections; in order to build the minority population on the Macomb campus. Many other schools in Illinois have both African American Studies Department as well as a Latin American Studies Department, the possibility of these new Latin courses could essentially be offered under a Latin American Studies Department.

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I think this is an excellent idea, and think that WIU should consider having a language requirement.

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I think it would be a good addition

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I think it would help alot of English majors such as myself who read works by past authors who have grounded their works in the classics and who often assume their readers have that same knowledge of Latin. My minor is Spanish because a knowledge of another language can greatly add to the understanding of English, but I wish I had been given the opportunity to take Latin instead because that would have definitely been my first choice.

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why not strengthen what we already have before adding new

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It should be offered, Latin is very important in understanding the english language, also important in science/law higher education

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I hate latin; Also many people throughout United States hate latin nowadays because of illegal immigration and stuff like that.

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I completely disagree for offering latin at WIU

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Please, please, please make this possibility a reality at WIU! I have always believed that WIU needs more choices for language courses. The ones we have now are very important languages, but everybody has different reasons and needs for language learning. Bringing Latin to WIU would certainly be a step in the right direction. Latin would be useful to people like me who study Spanish, French or other Romance languages, and Latin would also be very useful for people who plan to study law, medicine, chemistry, biology, history, theology, and literature. I'm sure that many other disciplines that could benefit from even a small bit of Latin. Latin language is a wonderful idea for WIU and I hope that this university decides to expand its foreign language/literature department by adding more languages and broadening the languages that are already here. Thank you.

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I don't think Latin would be too appealing to students since it's a hard language, and it would take up a lot of time to learn. There may be a higher number of students who fail than pass.

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I think that it would be a good class for incoming freshmen and other students. I probaly would not take it because I am getting close to graduating but I think it would be good for incoming students. It would help biology majors in the sense that many words we have to learn for identification are in latin.

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Latin is a dead language.. I don't see the point in offering it.

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I don't think it would make a good major, but offering the classes would be interesting. I would take one probably.

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I think this is a spectacular idea!

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I'm sure there are people who would be interested, but I'm close to graduating and don't need anything like that right now. Sounds interesting though.

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I would love taking latin, and it would be more than helpful in pursuing a history degree!!!

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would be great on the main campus for undergrads

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Would this be at the QC campus or just Macomb ?

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i dont like latin, and would not consider taking any courses in latin; especially since it does not go along with my major

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Hope they get it, I've heard Latin will really help in law school.

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It allows for greater diversity.

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I would be really excited if Latin were offered. I think it would be a great opportunity to be able to learn the language.

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It is a great idea.....I took a etymology class in high school and learn so much, from it. Learning latin is great for pre-meds and laws interested students

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not especially for me, but for the students going into the medical field or certain aspects of history.

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Latin was offered in my High School and it was a very difficult course there were only so many classes that we offered and it was a weighted course by its 3rd yr. i think it is a good idea but at the same time it is not used any more

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I feel that the WIU student community would be better served by improvements in the language labs and multimedia for courses that already exist, and that students wishing to pursue Latin courses should do so once they reach their law or graduate school destination. It would be an innappropriate use of funding to provide such courses considering that WIU does not offer a law degree. Such courses would only be serving an extremely limited number of students. It might be more useful to require that latin roots be examined in depth from within the English department in required courses, as this would serve a broader range of student needs.

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Latin is essential to my preparation for graduate studies and it would be very helpful if it was offered.

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Latin may be an interesting subject, but is it practical anymore? Who speaks Latin? It seems like offering classes in Latin would be unnecessarily costly to the University. Instead, why not offer the languages of the future?

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It would be awesome, for one...most medical things are based on latin...most SCIENCE things are based on latin. And it would just be neat to understand a word because you can see the latin terms in it and be able to decipher it that way rather than always looking it up.

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I believe there is value in offering this course to students interested in learning foreign languages. I personally do not have the capacity for learning another language.

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I think it would really help those students in the sciences to understand the names of organisms better.

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not really

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no, but good luck with this project

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necessity

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I took Latin first year in High School, and would like to learn more about the language. Latin is a root to the major languages in Europe and would be a key stepping stone to learning those languages as well.

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I believe Latin would be a good language offering for a select group of students that wish to pursue linguistics and ancient literature. A course in Latin may also be beneficial to many different science majors expecially those in biology. Although at this point in my education I will not take Latin, I would have liked to have had that option earlier in my education.

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The more language programs offered the more marketable the University will be to incoming students.

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I think this would be a good course to offer at WIU.

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Latin would help with people pursuing medical careers, so I think it would be a great idea. I wanted to take Latin in high school, but took Spanish instead and I kinda wish I would have taken Latin instead.

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i'd love to take the course

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I don't really see how it is necessary to learn Latin unless maybe for medical terms, but I don't think WIU offers medical degrees.

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I think it is important to have at least one or two of these classes because there are many words that originate from latin words and that foundation is important.

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I am interested in Latin because my Mother had it when she was in school and she is much better at reading/writing in the English language than I could ever be! I think it would be most helpful.

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I love learning foreign languages and cultures in general so I am all for it. I especially am if it helps me to better learn Spanish and possibly French.

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By adding Latin WIU will probably attract more students seeking professional and graduate degrees. Other students may be interested in learning Latin for other reasons - curiosity, self-fulfillment, etc. I think it would be a great idea.

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No

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Adding a classical language such as Latin to the curriculum at WIU would give many students pursuing graduate degrees and higher a better chance at getting into certain graduate programs.

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I would be beneficial to offer the Latin classes to area Jr. Colleges some how. They are unable to afford such a program and as a transfer student, attempting to pick up something new your Jr. year is not practice.

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Looking forward to the course!

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It's a good idea.

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I do not feel that Latin would be of benefit to me in my future career.

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I would be extremely eager to take a course in Latin and would hope that one could be offered as soon as possible.

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i hope you will offer such courses i am really so intrested in this language.

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Latin would greatly enhance learning various romance languages and also the scientific terminology used in anatomy and other areas.

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I actually took Latin in High school

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I believe that adding latin will only add to the appeal of students.

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I would like to see if offered here,but I do not desire to study it.

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Latin would be extremely beneficial to my study of music because many notations are written in latin or latin based languages, also I enjoy British Literature that is mostly Latin and it would be fun for me to read the real text instead of a translation. Adding Latin to WIU's course offerings would greatly benifit a large group of Western's students.

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It is a easier foreign language to learn about.

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For a history major it would be vital to have a latin program. It would open up more higher education possibilities.

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Latin seems essential for science majors. Most all genus species names are latin, along with several

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elements on the periodic table, as well as many other scientific terms. Latin was the universal language of science and I would be very interested to learn it.

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I took Latin in high school and it has helped me immeasurably in working in my health care field. I believe Latin would be an asset to almost any major offered at WIU. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Will only be effective if included in a larger curriculum such as history or a PRE-LAW program in order to enhance opportunities among potential law school candidates for selection to upper tier universities. Without direction, such a program would be unused and ineffective.

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I would love to see a latin class offered.

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I would definitely want to take the course out of interest, but I would not be able to take it at this point due to my requirements.

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It comes in handy when learning species names. I would have liked to have taken it, but it wasn't offered, which disappointed me. We only have French and Spanish that can be minors, so I wish the foreign language department would develop more. I would love to minor in Japanese, but that's not possible because there's not enough classes for it. I'm sure other people are wondering why there aren't more language minors.

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No

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I double majored in English Lit and Music as an undergrad, and took Latin (though it's no longer offered) in high school. It helped me a lot in science and in literature. I think it should be offered -- I'm just not at a point in my education where I'd have the luxury of taking a Latin course.

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offer beginner

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I have two years of latin from my previous college(I am a transfer). I was disappointed to find that I could not continue to take latin. I feel that it is fun, challenging, and relates to almost every language and field of interest. I would jump at the chance to take a third and fourth year. Maybe a possible major.

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It would bring variety and options, maybe even something interesting and new to many people.

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I think offering Latin would be a great addition to our program. It will help with the prestige level of western, as well as expand some other programs, such as our Ancient History section in the history department since Latin is an integral part of learning ancient history. I think offering Latin will only better the school and its students.

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It really should happen.

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i have always been intersted in foreign languages and i think latin is so important to understanding our current language

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As a student with a biology major and a urban forestry minor, Latin has been used frequently in some of my courses. It has been difficult to learn because I have not had any formal training. I have wanted to take a Latin since high school and would love to have the opportunity to take a course.

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i think it would be a great idea to have latin for one of the second languages at wiu

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As a graduate student who recieved his undergraduate degree from western I would have found it very helpful if a latin course was offered. I think it is very important as a student of science to better understand the language that most scientific words are derived from. Latin as a foreign language alternative would make more sense as a science major.

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It would certainly strengthen the ability for student in science majors to understand the vocabulary and heighten their ability for critical thinking with a base understanding of the root of that vocabulary.

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It would be excellent!

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Although I would not take it because I will not be here to take it, it could be a nice alternative to bring cultural awareness to our school. If the class is all language based it might be interesting to see how stems for words we currently use in our daily lives. Other students will have a use for this and if there is interest it would be a great thing to have. It is always better to try out a course like this and see where it goes for a semester or year. If it is unsuccessful it can be taken away. Some might not fill out a survey to say they are interested and some might not know they are interested until they read the class description in the course manuals.

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about time the learning standards of modern institutions caught up with those of previous centuries

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no

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This is a horrible idea. You instead need to increase funding to the crappy programs you already offer. The foreign language department here is a joke, and needs a complete overhaul. If you want successful programs you have to people who are going to make it successful. I can think of a hundred better ways to spend money here than on Latin classes that offer no educational benefit short of those who want to know latin for fun. Latin is a dead language, instead lets put that money towards a worthy language like French, German, or Spanish. Your faculty in the foreign language department are horrible, and not to mention you do not even offer enough courses each semester for foreign languages to be a serious curriculum here. How about instead of doing that you build more parking spots, invest in advertising student government, give scholarships to less than fortunate students, build better computer labs around campus to accomidate traffic (i.e. Morgan, Simpkins, Memorial, Sallee, Browne), improve the heating and cooling problems in the dorms, have more late night non-drinking related activities offered, build onto the student union, rework the major sidewalks, improve the night-time lighting so there is less violence or fear of violence, etc. I could go on and on and on with all sorts of better causes then putting in a worthless Latin program. This public institution needs to help it's students out more and worry less about increasing curriculum when you have major problems accomidating the student population that you already have. This is something I WILL put my name on.

John Reinhart

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It'd be a great way to expand the student's knowledge of the history of civilizations. We'd be able to relate more to the ancient societies if we knew their language.

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I believe that offering latin would open up many doors for Western Students. Myself being a History major, studying latin would enable me to better understand a crucial part of Human History, the time of the Roman Empire and aftermath. A chance to study Latin would be an oppurtunity that i would not pass up

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I think teaching Latin would be most beneficial in helping students understand the roots of words. I've noticed many people don't understand aspects of their own primary language, English, because they do not understand the etymology of the words they use every day. I think Latin would be useful in helping people understand and use English more proficiently, and would give them an edge in different fields such as law, biology, etc.

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no

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I would definitely enroll in Latin classes

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I love Latin; I took one class my senior year of undergrad and wished I'd taken more. I still have my textbook,

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and at some point I'll crack it open and start refreshing myself and trying to study it independently, but if there were a class available, I'd jump on it.

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A few latin courses would help me better understand the naming of specific oranisms.

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Nothing further

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I don't need Latin for speaking purposes, but in various English classes, learning Latin roots, prefixes, and suffixes has helped me greatly in figuring out what a word that I have never seen before means. This carries over in all Latin based languages such as Spanish (I have a minor in this). I think offering such a course would help anything having to do with vocabulary, especially on the language portion of the GRE, for those going to graduate school.

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it should be offered as an FYE course for incoming freshman

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To this point, I have no need to take Latin. However, for those that use it in their programs, I think it would be a great idea. What I would like to see is other languages taught. My ancestors were from Belgium and I have never heard more than a couple of words from that country. i would love to be able to learn it some time in my life.

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nope

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It would be interesting but not anything I would pursue.

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It would be beneficial for people going into the medical field.

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Having learned one foreign language, I firmly believe that the more languages offered the better. Though Latin is no longer spoken it serves as a base for so many other languages it may be important just to serve as a start to learning Spanish, French, etc. Learning the root words and foundations of Western languages could be a great skill in development of other languages.

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No

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Took 4 years in high school and have been looking to continue study; was disappointed that neither Latin or Greek or any form of classics study was not offered...while I am graduating in May, I would definitely take a course next semester if offered and believe that any form of classics study would not only be of great benefit to the students of Western, but would also greatly help to enhance the reputation of the university

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I don't know if it would have that great of a success rate. Maybe a club could be started first before a course in order to see how people would respond to the opportunity.

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I think that offering Latin classes would help out students wanting to go into professional fields because there is a lot of technical language based in Latin.

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It would be helpful for students like myself, who must learn Latin before getting an advanced degree, to have the opportunity to do so before starting an advanced degree program.

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I wish it would have been there when I came in as a freshmen.

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I think people interested in other languages should have the oportunity to take them.

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Might be relevant to some professions.

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It's a good idea since the Romantic languages came from it.

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perhaps also an english diction class to go with it so you can compare proper english with proper latin and be able to have a more useful application of the subject matter.

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There are a lot of business's that deal with the Japanese and the Germans. I would rather see more courses offered in these areas instead of Latin. It's not a common language and I don't think it would help me.

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I feel that Latin would be a good choice to add to the curricula there is much need of this language with history majors because of the use of first hand sources and translation.

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Adding Latin to WIU would not only improve the appeal of the language department to new and current students. It would also improve the history department, because it would allow the library to add the books and research required for someone wanting to study Latin. Adding Latin would also allow the history department to expand their teaching of ancient history. Thus, adding Latin would improve three important departments (Language, History & Library) of the University, allowing for a more high profile image in the field of higher education.

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Latin is the core for many languages including English, French, Spanish, Italian, etc. By offering Latin, people will have a better understanding of their language, and also if they choose to seek another language, it will be simpler.

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If it had been offered sooner I would have taken it, as it is a good root language to know, but now it is probably to late.

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no more on line classes for foreign language - we need them in person please

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no

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Aside from it being the language of academia, the majority of western history and christendom and still not offered at most state schools?

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I would definitely take at least one semester depending on how that went I would seriously consider another. That's one language that will never die.

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If classes were added at times conducive to the non-traditional student, I would definitely be interested.

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Good to have but don't let it take away from other language classes (i.e. how many offered, cut class schedules on other language classes)

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I believe it is a great language. It helps to teach students the relationships between many languages, and gives them the basic understanding of other languages as well.

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I consider Latin to be one of the basic languages of all languages and it has a great importance on our society. I think there is a great deal to learn from studying Latin.

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I have had one year latin and would like the opportunity to learn more.

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I think Latin is a very useful language to learn, as it is the basis of a lot of our vocabulary, as well as scientific vocabulary. I took Latin for a year in high school, and I still remember a lot of the useful information from it, like the roots of words.

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Its kind of dumb.

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I took latin for a year in high school and it was a tough course but learned alot. The thing about latin is that many words in many languages are derived from latin. Learning this language gives us a better

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understanding of other languages. I am 100% behind latin at WIU.

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it's a really good idea and would help pre med students out alot!

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Although I fear that support will not be widespread enough to justify any courses in Latin, it would allow students not only to learn Latin, but also make the transition into any of the Romance languages with relative ease.

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I think a vocabulary intensive course should be considered, as opposed to one which concentrates on rules of grammar and fluent speaking. I took Latin in junior high school, and it served me well when I worked in a medical-related field because I recognized the Latin root words (as well as prefixes and suffixes). I do not remember all the declentions, etc., and I don't have time to read works of antiquity in the original Latin. So a comparative language course would be great, but Latin taught as a foreign language would not be so helpful.

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I would love to take a Latin class because it is used very often in medical terms.

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I think its useless.

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It should always have been offered.