

# Why Take Latin?

The reasons are limitless and each person's experience is unique, but here is what college and university admissions personnel say when asked about Latin as an academic pursuit:

"The study of Latin is also the study of history, art, music, theatre, philosophy, law, literature, laboratory science, 'and more!'"

*Teresa Hudkins  
Willamette University*

"The study of Roman culture which typically accompanies Latin study informs the study of any Western literature, art, or culture as well. [...] If Latin were dead, every Western culture and language would be also bereft of life."

*Matthew Potts  
Admissions Counselor  
University of Notre Dame*

"Latin trains abstract thinking, provides a key to all modern Romance languages, is a model for interdisciplinary study (language, history, culture) and can be a lot of fun."

*Michael C. Behnke  
Vice President for Enrollment  
University of Chicago*

"Vocabulary and grammar of the English language can be mightily improved through the study of Latin."

*Kathy Lindsey  
Associate Director of Admissions  
Middlebury College*

"A background in Latin provides students with a stronger English vocabulary. Open any SAT prep book and you will see a crash course in Latin in the vocab section."

*Andrea Thomas  
Assistant Director of Admission  
Hamilton College*

