

## Overview

LET'S LEARN LATIN will introduce elementary and middle school teachers to the world of Latin and the ancient Romans through a variety of engaging approaches.

Teachers get to play the role of students, learning the material through the same activities and lessons that they will be able to use in their own classrooms.

Participants will enjoy learning the basics of Latin, using a colorful, interesting, kid-friendly text called Minimus, supplemented by effective and innovative activities to practice the material. **No previous experience with Latin is needed!**

Participants will receive myriad classroom-ready materials on all topics studied.



## Curriculum

The workshop will lead participants through 50% or more of the Minimus text, giving participants the skills and confidence they need to continue their study independently.

This work at the workshop will prepare participants to knowledgeable and confidently teach their students about the following aspects of the ancient Roman world:

- \* basics of the Latin language
- \* grammatical connections between Latin and English
- \* Latin vocabulary and word roots
- \* culture and mythology

## Why Latin?

Chief benefits of Latin to students: Students will better understand English vocabulary and grammar, the workings of other world languages, and the roots of Western civilization.

Connections to standards: We recognize that for the teaching of Latin and Classical Studies to be effective and feasible, it must be integrated with state standards. Participants will learn about connections to the standards, and other techniques of incorporating these topics into today's busy classrooms.

## Schedule (tentative)

A morning session (9:00 am – 12:30 pm) will be followed by lunch (12:30 pm – 1:00 pm) & an afternoon session (1:00 pm – 4:00 pm).

### Key language topics, studied in depth:

greetings  
question words  
nouns and adjectives  
gender  
linking verbs  
action verbs  
adverbs  
plural subjects

### Ancillary topics, overview of classroom activities:

- \* vocabulary (family, animals, colors, foods, emotions, classroom, body parts)
- \* culture (names, writing, Greek pottery, games, art, coins, travel, geography)

## Meet the instructor

Kristen Bortner



Kristen Bortner has been involved with Ascanius since 2002 and currently volunteers as an Ascanius Executive Committee member. She has developed innovative teaching materials, delivered many teacher workshops, and served as both a teacher and administrator at Ascanius' enrichment camps for elementary and middle school children. Kristen holds a Bachelor's degree in Classics from the University of Virginia and a Master's degree in Literacy Education from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. She resides in northern Virginia and has more than a decade of experience teaching Latin in public schools in Virginia, Missouri, and Illinois.



## Details

### Who can come:

Any teacher or homeschool instructor of elementary or middle school children. The target audience is those who do not currently teach Latin.

### When and where:

Saturday, March 26 from 9:00 to 4:00  
Embassy Suites Winston-Salem  
460 N. Cherry St., Winston-Salem, North Carolina

### Cost:

FREE! Registration, all workshop materials and resources, and light breakfast with coffee are all provided. Participants should bring their own lunch. (There is not enough time to leave the hotel.)

### Professional development credit:

All participants will receive a certificate documenting their 6 contact hours.

### To register: (Can fill up quickly! Limited to 15-20 participants!)

All participants must register online via our website ([www.ascaniusyci.org](http://www.ascaniusyci.org)).  
Deadline: March 18, 2022.

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**FREE Resources for Teachers**

\**The Shooting Star* is a collection of e-newsletters created as part of the Ascanius Membership Program. Each issue includes lesson plans and activities centering around a common theme.

\**Lesson Materials Collection* from LatinSummer and past workshops for teachers

**Publications for Sale (knowledge of Latin or Classical Studies is not necessary to use our publications)**

\**Activitates Liberis*: curriculum guides helping teachers to incorporate Latin, mythology, and Roman culture on the elementary school level

\**Exploring the Roman World*: student workbooks including fun, engaging activities introducing ES/MS students to the Latin language, Roman culture, and mythology

\**Vocabula Picta*: a thematically arranged Latin picture dictionary for the modern world

**Grants for Teachers and Students**

\*The *Classical Promise Grant* helps individuals who wish to create or maintain a Latin/Classical Studies program or event geared toward elementary and/or middle school students. Grants are awarded in amounts ranging from \$50 to \$1,000.

\*The *Rudolph Masciantonio "Classics for All" Grant* supports teachers who are instructing elementary and middle-school-aged students about Latin and the ancient Mediterranean. Grants of up to \$500 are available. Each year, the grant will focus on a different theme. The current theme is supplies and technology.

\*The *Ascanius Grant for Professional Development at the Elementary and Middle School Level* assists teachers on the ES/MS level with professional development focused on Latin and/or the Greco-Roman world. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available.

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**learn about:**

- the Latin language!
- Latin vocabulary!
- English word roots!

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PD Certificates/Hours Offered



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