

OCR A Level Latin

H039 and H439, replacing 3818 and 7818:

Information for OCR centres transferring to the **new specifications for first teaching in 2008**.

This document maps the current A Level Latin specifications to the new specification for first teaching in September 2008. It includes information on the changes, support available and an outline of the new specifications. It is intended to help ease the transition for Heads of Department and Teachers involved in the teaching of Latin.

The full specifications are available online along with a short questionnaire enabling you to share your comments on these specifications and help shape the materials developed to support it. For more information including answers to frequently asked questions visit www.ocr.org.uk/14-19alevels

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QCA have stipulated that:

- The number of units required to achieve GCE A level Latin is to be reduced from 6 to 4
- All coursework to be removed from Latin
- Stretch and Challenge style questions to be introduced into A2 assessment.



Mapping the changes to the A Level Latin specification for first teaching September 2008.

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Existing specification

	Current unit title	Unit code	What remains the same?	What is changing?	Why is it changing?	Guidance
AS	Literature 1	2471-2480 Mandatory 40% AS 20% A Level 1 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set texts are studied. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both verse and prose texts are now compulsory. A short essay is required for each author. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literature is now worth 50% of the AS Level. The reduction in the burden of assessment. 	
AS	Literature 2	2491 Mandatory 30% AS 15% A Level 1 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Translation of set text. 			
AS	Unprepared Translation 1	2492 Mandatory 30% AS 15% A Level 1 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Translation of unseen Latin prose. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optional translation of English into Latin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language is now worth 50% of the AS Content has been added to make this unit comparable with the Literature units above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defined AS vocabulary list will be available online.
A2	Literature 3	2481-2490 Mandatory 20% A Level 1.45 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set texts are studied. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prose set text is in a separate unit from Verse set text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literature is now worth 50% of the A2 Level. The new A2 units test both prescribed and unseen texts. 	
A2	Unprepared Translation 2	2493 Mandatory 15% A Level 1.30 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unseen verse translation and unseen prose translation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unseen verse translation is in a separate unit from unseen prose translation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language is now worth 50% of the A2 Level. The new A2 units test both prescribed and unseen texts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Named authors for unseen translation.
A2	Composition or Comprehension	2494 Mandatory 15% A Level 1.15 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choice between comprehension of an unseen passage or composition from English into Latin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major change although the overall weighting for language is reduced to 50%. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note: the content of these three A2 units has been reorganised into two units in the new A Level. This allows for Stretch and Challenge as stipulated by QCA and for the newly defined synopticity to be tested in each of the two new units. 	

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	New unit title	New unit code	Benefits to me and my learners	Support
AS	Latin Language	L1 (F361) Mandatory 50% AS 25% A Level 1.5 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unseen Latin prose, tested by translation. Optional translation of English sentences into Latin. 	Specimen assessment materials. Recommended reading lists. e-community on the OCR website.
AS	Latin Verse and Prose Literature	L2 (F362) Mandatory 50% AS 25% A Level 1.5 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prescribed verse and prose texts. 	
A2	Latin Verse	L3 (F363) 25% A Level 2 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prescribed verse texts. Unseen Latin verse, tested via comprehension and translation. 	
A2	Latin Prose	L4 (F364) 25% A Level 2 hr exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prescribed prose text. Unseen Latin Prose, tested via comprehension and translation. Optional prose composition from English into Latin. 	

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