OBJECTIVE
We will read lengthy selections from the *Thebaid* to obtain a fundamental understanding of the poem. This course is designed to help students achieve proficiency in reading Latin hexameter; emphasis will be on transferable skills that will help students pass their MA and PhD Latin language examinations.

TEXTBOOKS
2 Loeb volumes edited by Shackleton Bailey.

GRADE SCALE
A = 93-100
A- = 90-92.9
B+ = 87-89.9
B = 83-86.9
B- = 79-82.9
C+ = 75-78.9
C = 72-74.9
C- = 69-71.9
D+ = 66-68.9
D = 62-65.9%
D- = 60-61.9
E < 59

ASSESSMENT

25% = 3 quizzes: translate one passage as if for a PhD comprehensive exam; 30 min in class

25% = 3 book reports: 1 inch margins, 12 point Times, *meticulously* edited. See handout.

25% = 1 in class report: Based on an episode or a theme that runs through the epic, prepare a 25 minute oral report that includes *multi-lingual bibliography on a well-organized and electronically distributed hand out*. This report is the basis of your semester term paper, and so you should leave time for questions that will help guide your work.

25% = 1 seminar paper: Based on your oral report, a 15-page paper minimum, *meticulously* edited. If you do not hand in the thesis statement, outline, or bibliography on time, the most you can earn is 20%, 15% or 10%. That is, you will lose 5% of your final grade for not handing in the component parts along the way—on time.
PART I: READ THE POEM

Jan 8       Book 1
Jan 10      Book 2.1-305

Jan 15      Book 3.1-323, Book 4.1-442
Jan 17      quiz 1 over books 1-4

Jan 22      Book 5.505-end
Jan 24      Book 6.296-end

Jan 29      Book 7.1-144, Book 8
Jan 31      quiz 2 over books 5-8

Feb 5       Book 9.1-569
Feb 7       read Newlands TAPA 2004

Feb 12-14   Book 10

Feb 19      Book 11
Feb 21      Gardens Conference

Feb 26      Book 12
Feb 28      quiz 3 over books 9-12

SPRING BREAK

PART II: READ THE SCHOLARSHIP

Mar 12      Vessey and Dominik 1994; 5 page comparison
Mar 14      thesis statement due

Mar 19      Ganniban and McNelis; 5 page comparison
Mar 21      outline with citations due

Mar 26      Braund, Dietrich, Dominik, Pagán; 5 page comparison
Mar 28      annotated bibliography due

April 2-4   student reports
April 9-11  student reports

April 22    FINAL PAPERS DUE