

L 167c: Latin Literature  
Spring 2011  
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*Required Text*

Lucretius, *De Rerum Natura: Book 3*, ed. E. J. Kenney (Oxford University Press, 1977).

*Requirements*

We will read as much of *De rerum natura* 3 as we can. The pace will be suited to your abilities; I expect you to spend two hours preparing for each one-hour class.

I recommend that you use the *Oxford Latin Dictionary*, which is in the reference collection in the Dabney reading room (PA2365.E5 O9 pts. 1–4 and 5–8). The next best dictionary is Lewis and Short's *Latin Dictionary*, a version of which is available as part of the Perseus Project: <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/search> under "Dictionary Entry Lookup." Unfortunately, Perseus is often slow, so if you want to use Lewis and Short, you might consider downloading Diogenes (which requires perl): <http://sourceforge.net/projects/diogenes/files>.

A midterm exam is due Friday, April 29, at 5 pm, and a final exam, Friday, June 10, at 5 pm. The exams are closed book. 30% of your grade will be based on the midterm, 30% on the final, and 40% on class participation.

The easiest way to communicate with me is by email ([gwp@hss.caltech.edu](mailto:gwp@hss.caltech.edu)), but I am happy to speak to you in person or on the phone. My office is 208 Dabney, and my extension, 3601.