Resources for Latin 201—Intermediate Latin: Cicero's In Catilinam
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ENCYCLOPEDIAS
☞ A well-written encyclopedia article can identify important editions, translations, commentaries, and criticism.

Extensive encyclopedia with comprehensive coverage of people, places, events, and themes on the Greek and Roman worlds from the prehistory of the Aegean (2nd millennium BCE) to late antiquity (600-800 CE).

ebook, connect via OBIS (7 vols.)
Essays cover history, literature, philosophy, science, daily life, myth, religion, art, and archaeology.
Each entry provides relevant primary sources and a bibliography of secondary works.


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Essays cover historical periods, genres, and themes in Latin literature.

See Ch. 10 “History and Inscriptions, Rome;” Ch. 11 “Annales and Analysis;” and Ch. 12 “Imperial History and Biography at Rome.”

LITERARY REFERENCE SOURCES

Literature Resource Center (product from Gale Cengage Learning)

Literary Reference Center Plus (product from EBSCO)
These two databases provide biographical, bibliographical, and critical content on literary figures and their works from all time periods and genres. Information comes from reference works, books, and literary journals. Included are biographies, plot summaries, journal articles, reviews, and more. Connect from Databases tab in the Library home page search box, or use the Quick Links drop-down menu.

e-book, Main Reference PA3002.A5 1982
A collection of informative essays meant to encourage readers to delve further into the lives and works of classical Greek and Roman writers; bibliographies include a list of English translations, editions in the original Greek or Latin, and important modern works. A 27-pp. overview essay on Cicero is included.
SELECTED LANGUAGE DICTIONARIES

Main Reference PA2365.E5 O9 2012

Main Reference PA2158.P75 1995

Main Library PA2117.A5 1989

*Thesaurus Linguae Latinae*. Lipsiae, In Aedibus B.G. Teubneri, 1900–<c2000>

“The project began in 1894 and it is scheduled to be completed around the year 2050. The last fascicle of the P-volume appeared in 2010, and work is currently under way on both N and R. The institution that carries out the work of the dictionary is located in Munich, in the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities.” —Wikipedia

FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

**OBIS** is the Oberlin College Library’s online catalog; it lists most library materials. Online borrowing is available through the **OhioLINK Library Catalog**, which combines the holdings of 120 libraries at Ohio colleges and universities, and through **SearchOhio**, which does the same for 28 Ohio public library systems. All three catalogs are searchable by **Author** or **Title** for a specific author or work, or by **Subject Heading** or **Keyword** for works about a topic, person, place, etc.

*Search for names as both** AUTHOR for writings by people) and **SUBJECT** (for writings about people and their works)***.

- Cicero, Marcus Tullius (author search)
- Cicero, Marcus Tullius. Correspondence
- Cicero, Marcus Tullius. In Catilinam
- Cicero, Marcus Tullius. Speeches
- Cicero, Marcus Tullius (subject search)
- Cicero, Marcus Tullius -- Criticism and interpretation
- Cicero, Marcus Tullius -- Dictionaries
- Cicero, Marcus Tullius -- Translations into English

☞ Alternative tip for finding translations: limit search results by language = English

To find specific works, commentaries, or works on a theme, also try keyword searches combining the author’s name and one or more title or subject words:

- cicero and catilinam
- cicero and commentar*
- cicero and works
- cicero and ethic*

For dictionaries and grammars, search for “[name of language] language” as a subject, with these sub-headings:

- Latin language -- Dictionaries
- Latin language -- Dictionaries -- English (bilingual)
- Latin language -- Grammar

Which ones are the best?

Besides relying on references included in standard encyclopedias and textbooks, here are some tips to find authoritative, reliable publications:

- look for works published by prominent university presses (Cambridge, Oxford, Harvard, Michigan, Chicago, etc.) or scholarly academic publishers (Brill, de Gruyter, etc.)
- limit by date to filter your search results to more recent publications
- look for works that have come out in multiple editions
- look for works written by prominent scholars
The Loeb Classical Library from Harvard University Press publishes works of Greek and Latin literature with texts and accurate and literate English translation on facing pages. Included are epic and lyric poetry; tragedy and comedy; history, travel, philosophy, and oratory; the great medical writers and mathematicians; the Church fathers. The editors provide substantive introductions as well as essential critical and explanatory notes and selective bibliographies.

The Oxford Classical Texts from Oxford University Press publishes texts without commentary, but with brief critical notes at the foot of each page. There are now over a hundred volumes, representing the greater part of classical Greek and Latin literature. New volumes are still being published to fill the remaining gaps, and to revise old editions in the light of recent research.

Cambridge Greek and Latin Classics from Cambridge University Press publishes texts and commentaries on works of Greek and Latin literature aimed primarily at undergraduate and graduate students. Almost one hundred volumes have been published to date. The commentaries discuss texts as works of literature and provide guidance to students.

Penguin Classics from Penguin Books, a subsidiary of Penguin Random House, publishes English translations of “classics” from all languages, genres, and time periods, including the Classical era. Translations often strive to convey more of a lucid and eloquent English prose translation, rather than providing a literal translation of the original.

BROWSING THE LIBRARY STACKS

Library of Congress Classification System

CLASS P - LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

SUBCLASS PA - Greek language and literature. Latin language and literature

| PA1 199 | Classical philology |
| PA2001-2915 | Latin philology and language |
| PA3000-3049 | Classical literature |
| PA6000-6971 | Roman literature |
| PA6001-6097 | Literary history |
| PA6100-6140 | Collections |
| PA6141-6144 | Criticism, interpretation, etc. |
| PA6155-6191 | Translations |
| PA6202-6971 | Individual authors, including: |
| PA6235-6269 | Caesar, Julius |
| PA6278-6370 | Cicero, Marcus Tullius |
| PA6393-6444 | Horace |
| PA6482-6496 | Lucretius Carus, Titus |
| PA6501-6510 | Martial |
| PA6519-6553 | Ovid |
| PA6568-6609 | Plautus, Titus Maccius |
| PA6611-6637 | Pliny, the Elder |
| PA6661-6693 | Seneca, Lucius Annaeus |
| PA6705-6753 | Tacitus, Cornelius |
| PA6755-6785 | Terentius Apher, Publius (Terence) |
| PA6801-6961 | Vergilius Maro, Publius (Virgil) |

Dewey Decimal System

| 470 | Italic languages; Latin |
| 471 | Classical Latin writing & phonology |
| 472 | Classical Latin etymology |
| 473 | Classical Latin dictionaries |
| 475 | Classical Latin grammar |
| 477 | Old, postclassical & Vulgar Latin |
| 478 | Classical Latin usage |
| 870 | Italic literatures; Latin literature |
| 871 | Latin poetry |
| 872 | Latin dramatic poetry & drama |
| 873 | Latin epic poetry & fiction |
| 874 | Latin lyric poetry |
| 875 | Latin speeches |
| 876 | Latin letters |
| 877 | Latin humor & satire |
| 878 | Latin miscellaneous writings |
WEB SITES

The Perseus Digital Library. Maintained by the Classics Department, Tufts University.
http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/
An open-source project that covers the history, literature, and culture of the Greco-Roman world; provides a large database of Greek and Latin texts and translations, images (coins, vases, sculpture), resources for textual studies, and English word searches of the texts (don’t expect to find modern editions still under copyright).

Electronic Resources for Classicists. Maintained by Maria Pantelia, Professor of Classics, University of California, Irvine.
http://stephanus.tlg.uci.edu/index/resources.html
A meta-site of internet resources for classical studies; categories included: gateways, large databases, projects, electronic journals, bibliographical indices and bibliographies, collection of images, course materials, professional organizations, e-text archives, classics departments, publishers, online courses, and K-12 resources.

Internet Sacred Text Archive.
http://www.sacred-texts.com
A “freely available archive of electronic texts about religion, mythology, legends and folklore, and occult and esoteric topics.” Texts are presented in English translation and, in some cases, the original language. Some Roman texts are included in the Classics section (don’t expect to find modern editions still under copyright).

GUIDE TO REFERENCE MATERIALS IN CLASSICAL STUDIES

Main Reference Z7016.J4 2006
Focuses on “bibliographical and information resources, not on general scholarship in the field.”

HOW TO GET HELP AT THE LIBRARY

Drop-in help at the Research Desk. Just stop by and tell us what you need
Monday–Thursday: 10am–noon, 1–5pm, & 7pm–midnight
Friday: 10am–noon & 1–5pm
Weekend: Sat.: 2–4 pm, Sunday: 1–5pm & 7 pm–midnight

IM. Chat online with a member of Oberlin’s reference staff (ObieRef) – hours same as above

Phone. 440-775-5031 – hours same as above

Email. reference@oberlin.edu – any time

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