

Self-paced courses/recorded resources – Comparison Chart

All prices are expressed in USD. If the currency has been converted, this was done with the exchange rate as of January 2023.

Provider	Course name	Instruction time (hours)	Course Length	Cost (USD)	Cost per hour of instruction	Total cost of introductory course	Years to complete
Satura Lanx	Gustatio Linguae Latinae	70 hours of pre-recorded video lessons, 4 live workshops	1 year OR self-paced	\$540	\$7.30	\$540.00	~1 year
LatinPerDiem	Unit I: Chapters 1-9	~17h prerecorded video + 1 year subscription to a 1h weekly zoom	self-paced	\$250	variable	\$1000	self-paced
	Unit II: 10-18	~17h prerecorded video + 1 year subscription to a 1h weekly zoom	self-paced	\$250	variable		
	Unit III: 19-27	~17h prerecorded video + 1 year subscription to a 1h weekly zoom	self-paced	\$250	variable		
	Unit IV: 28-35	~17h prerecorded video + 1 year subscription to a 1h weekly zoom	self-paced	\$250	variable		
Latinitium	Legentibus app	~100 hours audio recorded, large library of beginner, intermediate, & advanced texts	self-paced	\$9.99 per month, \$54.99 per half year, or \$99.99 per year	variable	Subscription based	Subscription based
StoryLearning	Latin Uncovered (Level 1 Beginner)	Unknown total pre-recorded video time, but 60+ individual video lessons	20 modules, self-paced (1 per week is said to be a quick pace), so either 20 weeks or self-paced	\$297	Unknown	probably about \$600	~40 weeks or self-paced
	Latin Uncovered (Level 2 - Pre-intermediate)	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown		
Schola Classica	Curso de Latim	Tutoring is mentioned, but not the hours	self-paced	\$154 per year	na	Subscription based	Subscription based

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Latinum	na	About 308+ hours of Latin audio labelled as beginner or intermediate. Some of these are recordings of grammar books in which rules are mostly explained in English, and some are interlinears alternating between English & Latin.	self-paced	\$8 per month for streaming / \$15 per month for downloading	na	Subscription based	Subscription based

Notes on the courses:

Satura Lanx: The *Gustatio Linguae Latinae* course uses *Familia Romana* and offers video lessons on the chapters in combination with extra handouts - tiered readings of classical texts keyed to the chapters of FR. This course typically opens in September, so I expect registrations will be available as we get closer to September. Since it is not open for 2023 yet, I used the details from last year to fill out this table, including price and total instruction time, which may change slightly. I'm not sure how long the four live workshops are, so I estimated they were 1 hour long each and included them in the total instruction time.

Latin Per Diem: This course in *Familia Romana* is currently being developed. As of January 2023, the first unit is published (with video lessons on chapters 1-9), while the other units are planned. The cost per instruction hour is variable because the \$250 fee includes a 1-year subscription to a 1 hour weekly zoom meeting with the teacher, and each learner may end up using a different total number of 1 hour weekly zoom meetings.

Latinitium: The Legentibus app is more like a library of resources than a linear course, but it contains *Familia Romana* within it, with tools to make the learning process smoother. Each text includes audio narration which highlights the sentences it is up to in the text. You can read with or without audio, pause the audio, or restart the audio from an arbitrary sentence within the text. It also includes an interlinear translation you can turn on or off, and language/grammar notes. As of January 2023, in addition to *Familia Romana*, Legentibus's library contains 19 beginner stories, 15 beginner-intermediate stories, 7 intermediate-advanced texts, and 26 advanced texts.

StoryLearning: This course does not use *Familia Romana* but instead uses original content developed for StoryLearning. The second course, Latin Uncovered (Level 2 - Pre-intermediate), has not been offered yet as of January 2023, but it is being planned. It's fairly likely to have the same prices and course structure as the Beginner course, but we don't know yet.

Schola Classica: Curso de Latim uses *Familia Romana*, and offers tutoring with a teacher, but there isn't any obvious indication of how many hours of instruction are included. The course package also includes pdf support materials, exercise answers, and certification.

Latinum: Molendinarius' *Latinum* is a very large content library, including audio recordings of many public domain Latin textbooks. Some of these textbooks follow the Direct Method, some of them are based around English explanation of grammar rules, and some are interlinear texts with sentences alternating between Latin and English. Browsing through the library is like taking a tour through a museum of late 19th and early 20th-century language learning methods – over here you find a resource referencing the old audio-lingual method, and over there another one based on some other fascinating methodology which was sworn to be the next big thing but which is now utterly obscure. When you think you've seen all the beginner textbooks, up pops another one you've never heard of containing over a hundred chapters of graded content. It's quite a large and sprawling library, but the creator does provide a flow-chart to give a suggested reading order about 75% of the way down [this page](#) (keep scrolling, it has colourful arrows). Even with that chart, compared to other courses where everything is arranged in a clear line and you can easily navigate to the next step with as much confidence as turning the pages of a book, I feel like I have spent much more time thinking about where to go, what to click on, what I'm looking at, what *is this? How did I get here?* with this course than with any other Latin course I've researched for this list. I do have some concerns about the suggested reading order as well - the earliest nodes on the branches include *Vestibulum*, a text that kind of functions like a vocab list that goes about describing everything in the world once, which I don't think is the most natural way to acquire vocabulary (but you do you), and Adler, a textbook that (at least in the initial chapters I looked at) focuses heavily on explaining Latin grammar in English. These are not the most encouraging places for a new language learner to start. What you do with the textbooks is fairly open-ended – you could simply listen and understand, or you could do the drills and exercises, or make your own routine around the texts. This library is probably a bit overwhelming for someone who needs some simple current advice on how to go about learning a language. Molendinarius subscribes to natural methods, but when reading his long explanations of the 'Ollendorff' system, a system no one else is talking about, that almost disappeared completely seeing that the Latin edition existed in only 9 physical copies before being scanned by Google books, I can't help but perhaps sense a kind of resistance to the mainstream, a feeling that modern communicative language learning has it all wrong, Latin can't be learned like a modern language, and the secret to learning Latin instead lies hidden in one of these obscure, forgotten methods that was saved just in the nick of time from oblivion. This is not super user-friendly for newcomers to language learning. But it is a treasure trove for an autodidact working through public domain Latin textbooks.