

WHICH LATIN PROGRAM IS RIGHT FOR YOUR STUDENT?

"Very few students suffer from a program that is too easy, but many become discouraged by a program that is too hard."

AN IDEAL LATIN SEQUENCE

The syllabus outlined on the right may serve as a benchmark for the ideal Latin education. Having a standard to work toward is motivating, but what if you are beginning your Latin journey with a 5th grader or a 9th grader? Great! Any age from 8 to 80 is a great time to begin Latin. Whatever the age of your child, you can begin today to give him or her the benefits of learning Latin. And what Latin course should you choose? Memoria Press offers four **beginning Latin programs**: ***Prima Latina**, ***Latina Christiana I**, ***First Form Latin**, and ***Henle Latin I**. The age range recommendations for each course are included in the chart on the right. But be sure to consider the factors below in choosing the right program for you and your child.

Choosing the right Latin course depends on:

- 1 Student's age, ability, motivation, & maturity
- 2 Student's Latin background
- 3 Parent/teacher Latin/foreign language background

If you are intimidated about teaching Latin, do not hesitate to choose a lower-level course than the one recommended. And for students in grades 8 & up, we recommend at least one year of the *First Form Series* before beginning *Henle Latin I*. Latin is like an exercise program. You don't want to injure yourself, so it is better to start off slow and warm up the muscles rather than attempt a marathon and pass out before you finish the race!

TRIVIUM STAGE	GRADE	LATIN PROGRAM
PRIMARY GRAMMAR PREP	2nd	*Prima Latina Beginning program for grades 2-4
	3rd	*Latina Christiana I Beginning program for grades 3-6
GRAMMAR STAGE Memorize the Latin grammar	4th	*First Form Latin Beginning program for grades 4-12
	5th	Second Form Latin (Available for pre-order)
	6th	Third Form Latin
LOGIC STAGE How to use the grammar - syntax and translation skills	7th	Fourth Form Latin Lingua Angelica Gospel of Mark
	8th	*Henle Latin I and II (syntax and Caesar prep.) Henle Latin I is a beginning program for grades 8+.
RHETORIC STAGE Read Latin literature	9th	Henle II (Caesar)
	10th	Henle III (Cicero) or Ovid
	11th	Henle IV or AP Virgil
	12th	Christian & Medieval Latin

WHAT ABOUT SWITCHING FROM ONE PROGRAM TO ANOTHER?

If your student has already studied Latin with another program, the choice of the best Memoria Press program will have to be made on an individual basis, but here are some guidelines to get you started.

Unlike algebra books, which vary little in the content covered, there is no set order of grammar and vocabulary for Latin texts. So, it is usually best to go back to the beginning book of the new program. Also, some Latin programs require little memorization, so students often have very poor mastery of the material they've covered.

Generally speaking, if your student has already used another Latin program, you may want to bump up to the higher beginning program recommended for your age student. For instance, if you

Latin programs greatly vary in:

- 1 the order of the grammar covered
- 2 vocabulary
- 3 mastery required

have a 5th grader with some Latin background, you will want to choose *First Form* rather than *Latina Christiana I*.

If you are still undecided, call our experienced staff, and they will help you choose the best Latin program or online course for your student.