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**FADE IN:**

*CG: So you think Latin's a dead language?*

*CG: Wait till you take it online - with us!*

*MONTAGE of clips from course videos, starting with "Verb Rap" and including "film noir" Ides of March, teachers singing "Roma, Roma," et cetera*

*DURING THE MONTAGE, INTERCUT or otherwise inject CGs of familiar Latin phrases:*

*E pluribus unum*

*Carpe diem*

*Semper fidelis*

*Cogito ergo sum*

*Sic transit gloria*

*Tempus fugit*

*Caveat emptor*

*STOCK IMAGES: Students sitting for SAT*

*GRAPHIC: CHART FROM COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS*

*CG: "Classical languages on a transcript indicate a seriousness of purpose and true devotion to a rigorous program of study." -- Fred Zuker, Vice President and Dean of Student Services, University of Dallas (source: camws.org)*

*CG: LATIN I*

*SCREENSHOT OF COURSE HOMEPAGE*

*HIGHLIGHT NAV BUTTONS*

*AUDIO from featured clips*

**NARRATOR:** According to Princeton University

research, students who take Latin typically score 200 points higher on their SATs than other students.

That's why this state-of-the art online class is a great choice for a language elective. Offered and taught by the Texas Virtual School ESC collaborative, it's available through the Texas Virtual School Network.

The course is delivered through the Blackboard Learning Management system. This is the class's homepage, which provides access to your lessons, assignments and resources.

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*SHOW ASSEMBLAGE OF CLIPS FROM  
CHAPTER SCREENCASTS*

*MONTAGE OF EXAMPLES*

*CG: Every Live Class is recorded and available  
to students who cannot attend in person.*

*SHOW CLIP FROM VIDEO OF STUDENT SKIT*

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Wherever and whenever you study, you'll find that your teacher -- or *magister* -- is always visible, thanks to extensive use of streaming video.

For example, your magister uses screencasts to present and explain the lesson you're studying. Some are presented in a formal classroom setting; others, in a variety of interesting locations.

The lessons include links to many video resources, in some cases to add even more depth to the material; in others, just to add some fun.

Your magister will also schedule Live Classroom sessions. In these, you'll get together with your teacher and classmates around the state in live, online sessions. You'll communicate *in real time* using voice, texting and your webcam. It's almost like being in a traditional classroom, and creates the same sense of community.

This same tool also effectively serves as your magister's online office. It allows you to reach your teacher, individually or in groups, whenever you need extra help -- when prepping for a test, for example.

Your assignments will include a number of

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*SHOW TYPICAL FORUM PAGE*

*CG: There is a forum for each course chapter.*

*STOCK IMAGES of Coliseum in modern Rome*

*CG: LATIN I*

*SCREEN SHOT OF TXVSN CATALOG*

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opportunities to collaborate with your classmates ... for example, writing and performing a skit based on one of the stories you'll study.

In these, you'll use online wikis to plan your project.

You'll also participate in online forums, in which you and your fellow students respond to questions and topics posted by your teacher.

Other assignments will involve posting reflections to your own public blog and private journal.

The course includes many other activities created to make learning Latin interesting and fun. For example, one turns a vocabulary drill into a game of Hangman. Another tests your understanding with a crossword puzzle.

All of these activities -- in fact, the whole course structure -- are explained in the video Orientation and outlined in the course Syllabus document.

There is much more to tell you about this course, and the fun you'll have taking it, but we hope you've gotten the idea: that Latin is alive and well -- and *relevant* -- in today's world.

For more information on this and the other Texas

**EYECON VIDEO PRODUCTIONS**

TVS LATIN ORATORY DEMO

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*EYECON STOCK of students and parents meeting with academic advisor/coordinator.*

*GRAPHIC: TxVSN and TVS LOGOS*

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Virtual School ESC Collaborative courses offered through the Texas Virtual School Network, please consult the TxVSN online catalogue. Then schedule a time to meet with your academic counselor.

***Music up, hold to conclusion***