Classics 120  English from Latin and Greek  
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The course: A survey of and introduction to the English vocabulary that derives from Latin and Greek, about 75 or 80% of the total English vocabulary. Through the study of etymology, word origins, you can increase the scope and depth of your vocabulary and improve your reading, writing, and general cultural knowledge. Each class will involve a combination of lecture and exercises. You'll get out of it what you put into it. Those determined to remain passive and to feed off the work of others will fail. The course is my intellectual property. Visitors upon request. No tape recorders.

Texts and supplies: 
Occasional handouts with accompanying assignments, to count as class work and to appear on the next test.
We shall work through the little text by Professor Genovese, with specific assignments made at the end of each class.

Tests and grading:
Three tests that will involve a few objective questions—especially the first test—and many questions asking for an etymology in this format: Q. Manufacture. A. hand-made; to make by hand.
Your final grade will be calculated as follows:
3 tests @ 20% = 60%
class work = 40%
100%

Missed work counts as zero, not F. Excellent attendance is clearly a requirement.
In the notebook you are to enter the meanings and etymologies of all the words turned up by the course that you wish to add to your use vocabulary. The notebook will be turned in twice during the course.
All written work will be returned the class after I have graded it. All work not picked up in class that day will be held in my office until the end of the first week of the next semester and then destroyed.
Test 1, Tuesday, Feb 27: Genovese, chapters 1-8
Test 2, Tuesday, April 3: Genovese, chapters 9-17
Test 3, Thursday May 22 at 1: Genovese, chapters 18-32
Adjustments will probably be made to the content but not the date of each test.