

Word Origins, AKA Etymology or Latin and Greek Word Derivatives

This is a self-paced class with continuous enrollment

Cost: \$40.00

As languages go, English is one of the “new kids on the block,” with Modern English dating from the 15th century. In contrast to most other languages, English evolved by incorporating elements from various other languages, most notably Latin and Greek. Thus, English is something of a verbal melting pot, with few words in the language being strictly English or American in origin. If one can master the basic elements of Latin and Greek which form the basis of most English words, English fundamentals will benefit as a consequence.

This course will introduce you to the most common bases, prefixes, and suffixes of Latin, Greek, and other languages that have become commonplace elements in English. In so doing, this class will improve your spelling, help you define unfamiliar words at a glance, expand your vocabulary, and improve your reading and writing skills. You will learn to analyze and derive the meaning of unfamiliar terms you encounter, and to focus on the word elements involved so that when you encounter these elements in other words your mind will process them automatically. Thus, understanding the meanings of words should become a reflex action that is triggered by an ingrained knowledge of the meanings of the various elements of which they are composed.

Students must have access to a *good* dictionary that provides details of word derivations. (Contact me prior to enrolling if you have questions as to which dictionaries are best for this class.) A Thesaurus would also be extremely useful, although this is available online. Online references have been provided. The student is expected to read all 10 lessons, do the assignments, and take the associated exams.

The course will deal at length with the following Topics:

- Lesson 1 – Introduction to Latin Elements
- Lesson 2 – Latin Prefixes, Base Combinations, & Hybrids
- Lesson 3 – Latin Adjective-Forming Suffixes
- Lesson 4 – Latin Noun-Forming Suffixes
- Lesson 5 – Latin Verb-Forming Suffixes, Etc.
- Lesson 6 – Introduction to Greek Elements
- Lesson 7 – Greek Bases & Prefixes
- Lesson 8 – Greek Suffixes
- Lesson 9 – Greek Combining Forms
- Lesson 10 – Scientific Terminology

Grading Policy

A = 100 - 90
B = 89 - 80
C = 79 - 70
D = 69 - 60
F = 59 - Below

Students have the opportunity to purchase certificates upon successful completion of the course.

This course is worth 5 Continuing Education Units (5 CEUs)

- A score of 90% and above entitles the student to purchase a **Certificate of Academic Excellence**
- A score of 80-89% entitles the student to purchase a **Certificate of Merit**
- A score of 75% entitles the student to purchase a **Certificate of Appreciation**

Certificates cost \$25 and can be purchased after completion of the course.

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This class is for informational or refresher purposes, not certification. It cannot be substituted for any state, government, licensing, or educational requirements.

Questions?

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