

# WHY ADMINISTER THE NATIONAL LATIN EXAM TO COLLEGE STUDENTS?



## • TO GIVE STUDENTS A SENSE OF GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT

- Certificates and medals are given by the NLE to high-performing college students, just as they are to high school students.
- The names and institutions of all college students who perform well on the NLE are published each year in the summer issue of *Nuntius*, the Eta Sigma Phi newsletter, which is accessible online.

## • TO ACT AS AN OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT TOOL

- The NLE provides an objective, external check on how well an institution's students are performing both within the institution and compared to other students at the same level across the country.
- The NLE is not based on any one textbook. Instead, a syllabus for each exam level is posted online.

## • TO JOIN THE OVER TWENTY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THAT ADMINISTERED THE NATIONAL LATIN EXAM TO THEIR STUDENTS LAST YEAR

- ▶ Baylor University (TX)
- ▶ Bilkent University (TURKEY)
- ▶ Christendom College (VA)
- ▶ Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (CHINA)
- ▶ Hunter College (NY)
- ▶ Kalamazoo College (MI)
- ▶ Laramie Co. Community College (WY)
- ▶ Loyola Marymount Univ. (CA)
- ▶ Macalester College (MN)
- ▶ Monmouth College (IL)
- ▶ Notre Dame of MD University (MD)
- ▶ OLLI at Furman University (SC)
- ▶ Purdue University (IN)
- ▶ Seton Hall Univ. (NJ)
- ▶ St. Norbert College (WI)
- ▶ Stanford University (CA)
- ▶ Thomas More College (NH)
- ▶ University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (IL)
- ▶ University of Mary Washington (VA)
- ▶ University of North Carolina Greensboro (NC)
- ▶ University of Oklahoma (OK)
- ▶ University of Richmond (VA)
- ▶ University of South Florida (FL)
- ▶ Washington State University (WA)
- ▶ Wake Forest University (NC)
- ▶ Washington State University (WA)

## VISIT THE NLE WEBSITE TO VIEW PAST EXAMS AND INSTRUCTIONS ON ADMINISTERING THE NLE TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

**Application postmark deadline: January 21, 2014**  
**[www.nle.org](http://www.nle.org)**

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**the NLE's college consultants, with questions.**

**Utilize the following chart to determine which level of the NLE to administer to a class.**

Exam Level	Meant for students enrolled in this level of college/university Latin during the spring semester*
NLE Introduction to Latin	Not applicable— No college student should take this exam
NLE Level I	-First semester of elementary Latin -One-semester intensive elementary Latin course if it began after January <i>Note that it is rare for students to take their first semester of elementary Latin in the spring, so a request for exams at this level may be questioned by the office of the NLE.</i>
NLE Level II	-Second semester of elementary Latin -One-semester intensive elementary Latin course if it began in January
NLE Level III (any version)	-First semester of intermediate Latin -One-semester intensive intermediate Latin course if it began after January
NLE Level IV (prose or poetry)	-Second semester of intermediate Latin -One-semester intensive intermediate Latin course if it began in January
NLE Level V	-Student's first semester of advanced Latin
NLE Level VI	-Any semester of advanced Latin beyond a student's first

\*Colleges and universities offering multiple terms rather than two semesters over the usual autumn-spring academic year should calculate what their terms mean in comparison to semesters and consult with the Office of the NLE (1-888-378-7721, [nle@umw.edu](mailto:nle@umw.edu)) concerning the correct examination to administer.

N.B. The name of the chair of the department or of a dean, etc., may be used for the block on the application form that asks for the name of the principal. Since it is recommended that the exam's administrator open the test packet when it arrives and count the exams, a departmental secretary may be a good choice for the administrator of the exam. If an institution has received permission to have different classes take the NLE at different times, the administrator would oversee the overall distribution of the exams to and collection from those designated to administer the NLE to the various classes. In any event, the administrator must be someone who is NOT teaching a class that is going to take the NLE. Remember, no teacher whose class is taking the NLE at any level is allowed access to the exams until the Tuesday after the last date the test can be administered.