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

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.

SCREENSHOT OF COURSE HOMEPAGE

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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<td><strong>SHOW ASSEMBLAGE OF CLIPS FROM CHAPTER SCREENCASTS</strong></td>
<td>Wherever and whenever you study, you'll find that your teacher -- or <em>magister</em> -- 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.</td>
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<th><strong>MONTAGE OF EXAMPLES</strong></th>
<th>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.</th>
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<td><strong>CG: Every Live Class is recorded and available to students who cannot attend in person.</strong></td>
<td>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 <em>in real time</em> 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.</td>
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| **SHOW CLIP FROM VIDEO OF STUDENT SKIT** | Your assignments will include a number of |
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

VISUAL

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

GRAPHIC: TxVSN and TVS LOGOS

FADE TO BLACK

TVS LATIN ORATORY DEMO

AUDIO

Virtual School ESC Collaborative courses offered thru 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