

Latin Quotes, Latin Phrases, Latin Mottos and Latin Quotations

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- A bene placito** - At one's pleasure
A capite ad calcem - From head to heel
A cappella - In church [style] - i.e. Vocal music only
A contrario - From a contrary position
A cruce salus - From the cross comes salvation
A Deo et Rege - From God and the King
A fortiori - With yet stronger reason
A fronte praecipitium a tergo lupi - A precipice in front, wolves behind (between a rock and a hard place)
A mari usque ad mare - From sea to sea (Motto of Canada)
A mensa et thoro - From board and bed (legal separation)
A pedibus usque ad caput - From feet to head
A posse ad esse - From possibility to actuality
A posteriori - From what comes after. Inductive reasoning based on observation, as opposed to deductive, or a priori
A priori - From what comes before
A verbis ad verbera - From words to blows
Ab absurdo - From the absurd (establishing the validity of your argument by pointing out the absurdity of your opponent's position)
Ab aeterno - From the beginning of time
Ab asino lanam - Wool from an ass, blood from a stone impossible
Ab hinc - From here on
Ab imo pectore - From the bottom of the chest. (from the heart) (Julius Caesar)
Ab incunabulis - From the cradle
Ab initio - From the beginning
Ab intestato - Having made no will
Ab origine - From the origin
Ab ovo usque ad mala - From the egg right to the apples (From start to finish) ([Horace](#))
Ab ovo - From the egg
Ab urbe condita - From the foundation of the city. (Rome)
Ab/Ex uno disce omnes - From one person, learn all people
Abiit, excessit, evasit, erupit - He has left, absconded, escaped and disappeared
Absente reo - In absence of the defendant
Absit invidia - No offence intended
Absit omen - May the omen be absent. (may this not be an omen)
Absum! - I'm outta here!
Abusus non tollit usum - Wrong use does not preclude proper use
Abutebaris modo subjunctivo denuo - You've been misusing the subjunctive again
Abyssus abyssum invocat - Hell calls hell; one mistep leads to another
Accipere quam facere praestat injuriam - It is better to suffer an injustice than to do an injustice
Acta est fabula, plaudite! - The play is over, applaud! (Said to have been emperor Augustus' last words)
Acta non verba - Action not words
Acta sanctorum - Deeds of the saints
Actus reus - Wrongful act - as opposed to mens rea - the wrongful intention or guilty mind
Ad absurdum - To the point of absurdity
Ad acta - To archives. Not actual any more
Ad alta - To the summit
Ad astra per aspera - To the stars through difficulty

Ad astra - *To the stars*

Ad augusta per angusta - *To high places by narrow roads*

Ad captandum vulgus - *To appeal to the crowd -- often used of politicians who make false or insincere promises appealing to popular interest*

Ad clerum - *To the clergy*

Ad eundem gradum - *To the same level*

Ad eundem - *Of admission to the same degree at a different university*

Ad eundum quo nemo ante iit - *To boldly go where no man has gone before*

Ad fontes - *To the sources (motto of Renaissance Humanism)*

Ad fundum - *To the bottom / To the end (said during a generic toast, like bottoms up!)*

Ad hoc - *For a particular purpose. (improvised, made up in an instant)*

Ad hominem - *Appealing to a person's physical and emotional urges, rather than her or his intellect*

Ad honorem - *In honour. Honour not baring any material advantage*

Ad idem - *Of the same mind*

Ad infinitum - *To infinity without end*

Ad interim - *For the meantime*

Ad libitum (Acronym 'ad lib') - *At one's pleasure*

Ad Libitur - *As Desired*

Ad limina apostolorum - *To the thresholds of the Apostles*

Ad litem - *For a lawsuit or action*

Ad locum - *At the place*

Ad lucem - *Towards the light (motto of the University of Lisbon)*

Ad maiorem dei gloriam (AMDG) - *For the greater glory of God*

Ad multos annos - *To many years!, i.e. Many happy returns!*

Ad nauseum - *To the point of making one sick*

Ad perpetuam rei memoriam - *For the perpetual remembrance of the thing*

Ad praesens ova cras pullis sunt meliora - *Eggs today are better than chickens tomorrow (a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush)*

Ad referendum - *Subject to reference*

Ad rem - *To the point*

Ad valorem - *By the value, e.g. Ad valorem tax*

Ad vitam aeternam - *For all time*

Ad vitam paramus - *We are preparing for life*

Ad vitam - *For life*

Addendum - *A thing to be added*

Adeste Fideles - *Be present, faithful ones*

Adsum - *Here! present!*

Adversus incendia excubias nocturnas vigilesque commentus est - *Against the dangers of fires, he (Augustus) conceived of the idea of night guards and watchmen*

Adversus solem ne loquitor - *Don't speak against the sun (don't waste your time arguing the obvious)*

Advocatus diaboli - *The devil's advocate*

Aegrescit medendo - *The disease worsens with the treatment. The remedy is worse than the disease*

Aegri somnia - *A sick man's dreams (Horace)*

Aegroto, dum anima est, spes esse dicitur - *It is said that for a sick man, there is hope as long as there is life*

Aequam memento rebus in arduis servare mentem - *Remember when life's path is steep to keep your mind even. ([Horace](#))*

Aeronavis abstractio a prestituto cursu - *Hijacking*

Aetatis (aet.) - *Age*

Aeternum vale - *Farewell forever*

Affidavit - *A sworn written statement usable as evidence in court*

Age quod agis - *Do what you do well, pay attention to what you are doing*

Age. Fac ut gaudeam - *Go ahead. Make my day!*

Agenda - Things to be done

Agnus Dei - The Lamb of God

Aio, quantitas magna frumentorum est - Yes, that is a very large amount of corn

Alea iacta est - The die has been cast. (Caesar)

Alias - Otherwise

Alibi - Elsewhere

Aliena nobis, nostra plus aliis placent - Other people's things are more pleasing to us, and ours to other people. (Publilius Syrus)

Alis volat propriis - She flies with her own wings (state motto of Oregon)

Alma Mater - Nourishing mother. (One's old school or university)

Alter ego - Other 'I' or 'Other Self'

Alter ipse amicus - A friend is another self

Alterum ictum faciam - I'm going to take a mulligan

Altissima quaeque flumina minimo sono labi - The deepest rivers flow with the least sound. (still waters run deep)

Alumnus - Nursling (former pupil)

Amantes sunt amentes - Lovers are lunatics

Amantium irae amoris integratio est - The quarrels of lovers are the renewal of love. (Terence)

Amare et sapere vix deo conceditur - Even a god finds it hard to love and be wise at the same time

Amat victoria curam - Victory favors those who take pains

Amicitiae nostrae memoriam spero sempiternam fore - I hope that the memory of our friendship will be everlasting. (Cicero)

Amicule, deliciae, num is sum qui mentiar tibi? - Baby, sweetheart, would I lie to you?

Amicus certus in re incerta cernitur - A true friend is discerned during an uncertain matter

Amicus curiae - Friend of the court

Amicus humani generis - A friend of the human race (philanthropist)

Amicus verus est rara avis - A true friend is a rare bird

Amor animi arbitrio sumitur, non ponitur - We choose to love, we do not choose to cease loving. (Syrus)

Amor caecus est - Love is blind

Amor est vitae essentia - Love is the essence of life. ([Robert B. Mackay](#))

Amor ordinem nescit - Love does not know order. (St. Jerome)

Amor patriae - Love of country

Amor platonicus - Platonic love

Amor tussisque non celantur - Love, and a cough, are not concealed. (Ovid)

Amor vincit omnia - Love conquers all. (Virgil)

Amoto quaeramus seria ludo - Joking aside, let us turn to serious matters. ([Horace](#))

An nescis, mi fili, quantilla sapientia mundus regatur? - Don't you know then, my son, how little wisdom rules the world?

Anguis in herba - A snake in the grass. A treacherous person. (Vergil)

Anicularum lucubrationes - Old wives' tales

Animadvertistine, ubicumque stes, fumum recta in faciem ferri? - (At a barbeque) Ever noticed how wherever you stand, the smoke goes right into your face?

Animis opibusque parati - Prepared in minds and resources (ready for anything)

Animus facit nobilem - The spirit makes (human) noble

Anno (an.) - Year

Anno domini (AD) - In the year of the Lord

Anno hegirae (AH) - In the year of the hegira

Anno mundi - In the year of the world

Anno regni - In the year of reign

Anno urbis conditae (AUC) - From the year of founding of the city (Rome)

Annuit coeptis - God has favored us

Annus bisextus - Leap year

Annus horribilis - A horrible year
Annus mirabilis - Year of wonders
Ante litteram - Before the letter
Ante meridiem (a.m.) - Before midday
Ante mortem - Before death
Ante prandium (A.p.) - Before a meal
Ante - Before
Antebellum - Before the war
Antiquis temporibus, nati tibi similes in rupibus ventosissimis exponebantur ad necem - In the good old days, children like you were left to perish on windswept crags
Anulos qui animum ostendunt omnes gestemus! - Let's all wear mood rings!
Apage Satanas - Begone, Satan
Appareo Decet Nihil Munditia? - Is It Not Nifty?
Apudne te vel me? - Your place or mine?
Aqua fortis - Nitric acid
Aqua pura - Pure water
Aqua vitae - Water of life (brandy)
Aquila non captat muscas - The eagle doesn't capture flies (don't sweat the small things)
Arbiter elegantiae - Judge in matters of taste
Arcana imperii - Secrets of the empire
Arduum sane munus - A truly arduous task
Arguendo - For the sake of argument
Argumentum ad hominem - An argument against the man. Directing an argument against an opponent's character rather than the subject at hand
Argumentum ad ignorantiam - Arguing from ignorance
Armis Exposcere Pacem - They demanded peace by force of arms. (An inscription seen on medals)
Ars gratia artis - Art for art's sake. (motto of MGM)
Ars longa, vita brevis - Art (work) is long, but life is short
Ars sine scientia nihil est - Art without science is nothing. (I would also claim that the opposite is true)
Artium baccalaureus - Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Artium magister - Master of Arts (MA)
Ascendo tuum - Up yours
Asinus asinum fricat - The ass rubs the ass. (Conceited people flatter each other about qualities they do not possess)
Aspice, officio fungeris sine spe honoris amplioris - Face it, you're stuck in a dead end job
Aspirat primo Fortuna labori - Fortune smiles upon our first effort. (Virgil)
Assiduus usus uni rei deditus et ingenium et artem saepe vincit - Constant practice devoted to one subject often outdues both intelligence and skill. (Cicero)
Astra inclinant, non necessitant - The stars incline; they do not determine
Astra non mentiuntur, sed astrologi bene mentiuntur de astris - The stars never lie, but the astrologers lie about the stars
Aude sapere - Dare to know
Audaces fortuna iuvat - Fortune favors the bold. (Virgil)
Audere est facere - To dare is to do. (Motto of Tottenham Hotspur)
Audi et alteram partem - Hear the other side too
Audiatur et altera pars! - Let us hear the opposite side!
Audio, video, disco - I hear, I see, I learn
Auget largiendo - He increases by giving liberally
Aura popularis - The popular breeze. (Cicero)
Aurea mediocritas - The golden mean. (an ethical goal; truth and goodness are generally to be found in the middle.) ([Horace](#))
Auribus tenere lupum - I hold a wolf by the ears. (I am in a dangerous situation and dare not let go.) (Terence)

Aurora australis - The Southern lights
Aurora borealis - The Northern lights
Aurora Musis amica - Dawn is friend of the muses. (Early bird catches the worm.)
Aut Caesar aut nihil - Caesar or nothing i.e., all or nothing
Aut disce aut discede - Either learn or leave
Aut insanit homo, aut versus facit - The fellow is either mad or he is composing verses. ([Horace](#))
Aut viam inveniam aut faciam - I will either find a way or make one
Aut vincere aut mori - Either conquer or die
Auxilio ab alto - By help from on high
Avarus animus nullo satiatur lucro - A greedy mind is satisfied with no (amount of) gain
Ave atque vale - Hail and farewell. (Catullus)
Ave caesar! Morituri te salutamus - Hail Caesar! We who are about to die salute you. (gladiators before the fight)
Ave maria - Hail Mary

B

Balaenae nobis conservandae sunt! - Save the whales!
Beata Virgo (Maria) - The Blessed Virgin (Mary)
Beatae memoriae - Of blessed memory
Beati pacifici - Blessed are the peacemakers
Beati pauperes spiritu - Blessed are the poor in spirit
Beati possidentes - The happy who possess. (possession is nine points of the law) (Euripides)
Beatus - The blessed one
Bella detesta matribus - Wars, the horror of mothers. (Horace)
Bella gerant alii - Let others wage war
Bellum omium contra omnes - Everyman's struggle against everyman. (Thomas Hobbes)
Belua multorum es capitum - The people are a many-headed beast
Bene legere saecula vincere - To read well is to master the ages. (Professor Isaac Flagg)
Bene qui latuit, bene vixit - One who lives well, lives unnoticed. (Ovid)
Bene, cum Latine nescias, nolo manus meas in te maculare - Well, if you don't understand plain Latin, I'm not going to dirty my hands on you
Bene - Good
Beneficium accipere libertatem est vendere - To accept a favour is to sell freedom. (Publilius Syrus)
Bibere venenum in auro - Drink poison from a cup of gold
Bis dat qui cito dat - He gives twice who quickly gives. (Publius Syrus)
Bis in die (bid) - Twice a day
Bis interimitur qui suis armis perit - He is doubly destroyed who perishes by his own arms. (Syrus)
Bis repetita placent - The things that please are those that are asked for again and again. (Horace)
Bis vincit qui se vincit in victoria - He conquers twice who in the hour of conquest conquers himself. (Syrus)
Bis vivit qui bene vivit - He lives twice who lives well
Bona fide - In good faith. i. e. well-intentioned, fairly
Bona fides (noun) - Honest intention
Bona fortuna - Good luck!
Bona officia - Good services's
Bonum commune communitalis - General welfare. Literally, common good of the community
Bonum commune hominis - Common good of man
Bonum vinum laetificat cor hominis - Good wine gladdens a person's heart
Bovina Sancta! - Holy cow!
Braccae illae virides cum subucula rosea et tunica Caledonia-quam elenganter concinnatur! - Those green pants go so well with that pink shirt and the plaid jacket!

Braccae tuae aperiuntur - Your fly is open

Brevior saltare cum deformibus mulieribus est vita - Life is too short to dance with ugly women

Brevior saltare cum deformibus viris est vita - Life is too short to dance with ugly men

Brevis esse latoro obscurus fio - When I try to be brief, I speak gobbledegook

Brevis ipsa vita est sed malis fit longior - Our life is short but is made longer by misfortunes. (Publilius Syrus)

Busillis - Baffling puzzle or difficult point

C

Cacoethes scribendi - An insatiable urge to write. (Juvenal)

Cadit quaestio - The question drops

Caeca invidia est - Envy is blind. (Livy)

Caeci caecos ducentes - Blind are led by the blind. Leaders are not more knowledgeable than the ones they lead

Caeli enarrant gloriam Dei - The heavens declare the glory of God

Caelum non animum mutant qui trans mare currunt - They change the sky, not their soul, who run across the sea. (Horace)

Caelum videre iussit, et erectos ad sidera tollere vultus - He bid them look at the sky and lift their faces to the stars. (Ovid)

Caesar si viveret, ad remum dareris - If Caesar were alive, you'd be chained to an oar

Camera obscura - Hidden room - an early photographic or painting technique utilizing optical pinholes

Canis meus id comedit - My dog ate it

Canis timidus vehementius latrat quam mordet - A timid dog barks more violently than it bites. (Curtius Rufus)

Capillamentum? Haudquaquam conieci esse! - A wig? I never would have guessed!

Caro putrida es! - You're dead meat

Carpe Cerevisi - Seize the beer!

Carpe diem, quam minimum credula postero - Seize the day, trust as little as possible in tomorrow. (Horace)

Carpe diem - Seize the day. (opportunity) (Horace)

Casus belli - An act used to justify war

Catapultam habeo. Nisi pecuniam omnem mihi dabis, ad caput tuum saxum immane mittam - I have a catapult. Give me all your money, or I will fling an enormous rock at your head

Casus belli - Event (that is the justification for, or the cause) of war

Causarum justia et misericordia - For the causes of justice and mercy

Causa mortis - Death Cause

Cave ab homine unius libri - Beware of anyone who has just one book. (Latin Epigram)

Cave canem, te necet lingendo - Beware of the dog, he may lick you to death

Cave canem - Beware of the dog

Cave cibum, valde malus est - Beware the food, it is very bad

Cave ne ante ullas catapultas ambules - If I were you, I wouldn't walk in front of any catapults

Cave quid dicis, quando, et cui - Beware what you say, when, and to whom

Cave - Beware!

Caveat emptor - Let the buyer beware. (He buys at his own risk)

Caveat venditor - Let the seller beware

Caveat - Let him/her beware

Cedant arma togae - Let arms yield to the toga. (Let violence give place to law)

Cedo maiori - I yield to a greater person

Certamen bikini-suicidus-disci mox coepit? - Does the Bikini-Suicide-Frisbee match start soon?

Certe, toto, sentio nos in kansate non iam adesse - You know, Toto, I have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore

Certum est, quia impossibile - It is certain, because it is impossible. (Tertullianus)

Cetera desunt - *The rest is missing*
Ceteris paribus - *All else being equal*
Christus rex - *Christ the King*
Cineri gloria sera venit - *Fame comes too late to the dead*
Circa (c.) - *Approximately*
Clamo, clamatis, omnes clamamus pro glacie lactis - *I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream*
Clara pacta, boni amici - *Clear agreements, good friends*
Codex Juris Canonici - *Book of canon law*
Cogita ante salis - *Think before you leap, or look before you leap*
Cogitationis poenam nemo patitur - *Nobody should be punished for his thoughts*
Cogito ergo doleo - *I think therefore I am depressed*
Cogito sumere potum alterum - *I think I'll have another drink*
Cogito, ergo sum - *I think, therefore I am. (Reni Descartes)*
Commodum ex iniuria sua nemo habere debet - *No person ought to have advantage from his own wrong*
Commune bonum - *The common good*
Commune periculum concordiam parit - *Common danger brings forth harmony*
Communi consilio - *By common consent*
Compos mentis - *Of sound mind (and judgement)*
Concordia discors - *Discordant harmony*
Concordia res parvae crescent - *Work together to accomplish more*
Conditio sine qua non - *Condition without which not, or an essential condition or requirement*
Confer (cf.) - *Compare*
Confiteor - *I confess*
Congregatio de Propaganda Fide - *Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith*
Coniecturalem artem esse medicinam - *Medicine is the art of guessing. (Aulus Cornelius Celsus)*
Coniunctis viribus - *With united powers*
Conlige suspectos semper habitos - *Round up the usual suspects*
Consensu omnium - *By the agreement of all*
Consensus audacium - *An agreement of rash men. (a conspiracy) (Cicero)*
Consuetudinis magna vis est - *The force of habit is great. (Cicero)*
Consule planco - *In the consulship of Plancus (In the good old days) (Horace)*
Consummatum est - *It is completed (Christ's last words, John 19:30)*
Contra felicem vix deus vires habet - *Against a lucky man a god scarcely has power*
Contra mundum - *Against the world*
Contraria contrariis curantur - *The opposite is cured with the opposite. (Hippocrates)*
Coram populo - *In the presence of the people. (Horace)*
Cornix cornici oculos non effodiet - *A crow doesn't rip out the eyes of another crow*
Cornucopia - *Horn of plenty*
Corpus christi - *The body of Christ*
Corpus delicti - *The body of a crime. (The substance or fundamental facts of a crime)*
Corpus Juris Canonici - *The body of canon law*
Corpus Juris Civilis - *The body of civil law*
Corpus vile - *Worthless body*
Corrigenda - *A list of things to be corrected. (in a book)*
Corripe Cervisiam - *Seize the beer!*
Corruptio optimi pessima - *Corruption of the best is worst*
Coruscantes disci per convexa caeli volantes - *Flying saucers*
Cotidiana vilescunt - *Familiarity breeds contempt*
Cotidie damnatur qui semper timet - *The man who is constantly in fear is every day condemned. (Syrus)*
Crapulam terribilem habeo - *I have a terrible hangover*
Cras amet qui nunquam amavit; Quique amavit, cras amet - *May he love tomorrow who has never loved before*

Credidi me felem vidisse! - I thought I saw a puddy tat!
Credite amori vera dicenti - Believe love speaking the truth. (St. Jerome)
Credo elvem etiam vivere - I believe Elvis lives
Credo nos in fluctu eodem esse - I think we're on the same wavelength
Credo quia absurdum - I believe it because it is absurd. (contrary to reason) (Tertullian)
Credo ut intelligam - I believe in order that I may understand. (St. Augustine)
Credula vitam spes fovet et melius cras fore semper dicit - Credulous hope supports our life, and always says that tomorrow will be better. (Tibullus)
Crescit amor nummi, quantum ipsa pecunia crevit - The love of wealth grows as the wealth itself grew. (Juvenalis)
Crescite et multiplicamini - Increase and multiply
Crimen falsi - Perjury
Crudelius est quam mori semper timere mortem - It is more cruel to always fear death than to die. (Seneca)
Crux - Puzzle
Cui bono? - For whose benefit is it? (a maxim sometimes used in the detection of crime) (Cicero)
Cui dono lepidum novum libellum? - To whom do I give my new elegant little book? (Catullus)
Cui malo? - Who suffers a detriment?
Cui peccare licet peccat minus - One who is allowed to sin, sins less. (Ovid)
Cuius regio, eius religio - He who rules, his religion
Cuiusvis hominis est errare; nullius nisi insipientis in errore perseverare - Any man can make a mistake; only a fool keeps making the same one
Cuivis dolori remedium est patientia - Patience is the cure for all suffer
Culpa - A sin
Culpam poena premit comes - Punishment closely follows crime as its companion. (Horace)
Cum catapultae proscriptae erunt tum soli proscript catapultas habebunt - When catapults are outlawed, only outlaws will have catapults
Cum grano salis - With a grain of salt. (Pliny the Elder?)
Cum homine de cane debeo congredi - Excuse me. I've got to see a man about a dog
Cum laude magnum - With great success
Cum laude - With praise
Cum tacent, clamant - When they remain silent, they cry out. (Their silence speaks louder than words) (Cicero)
Cum - With
Cur etiam hic es - Why are you still here?
Cura nihil aliud nisi ut valeas - Pay attention to nothing except that you do well. (Cicero)
Cura posterior - A later concern
Cura ut valeas - Take care
Curae leves loquuntur ingentes stupent - Slight griefs talk, great ones are speechless. (minor losses can be talked away, profound ones strike us dumb)
Curriculum vitae - The course of one's life
Cursum perficio - My journey is over, or I finish my journey
Custos morum - Guardian of morals

D

Da mihi basilia mille - Kiss me with a thousand kisses
Da mihi castitatem et continentiam, sed noli modo! - Make me chaste and pure, but not yet!
Da mihi sis bubulae frustrum assae, solana tuberosa in modo gallico fricta, ac quassum lactatum coagulatum crassum - Give me a hamburger, french fries, and a thick shake
Da mihi sis cerevisiam dilutam - I'll have a light beer
Da mihi sis crustum Etruscum cum omnibus in eo - I'll have a pizza with everything on it

Damnante quod non intellegunt - They condemn what they do not understand
Data et accepta - Expenditure and receipts
De asini vmbra disceptare - To argue about the shadow of an ass. (petty things for petty mind)
De bene esse - It shall be so, as long as it is well
De die in diem - From day to day
De duobus malis, minus est semper eligendum - Of two evils, the lesser must always be chosen (Thomas a Kempis)
De facto - Something that is automatically accepted
De gustibus non est disputandum - There's no accounting for taste
De inimico non loquaris sed cogites - Don't wish ill for your enemy; plan it
De integro - Repeat again from the start
De iure - By law. According to law
De minimis non curat praetor - The authority or king, or law does not care about trivial things
De minimis - With respect to trifles
De mortuis nil nisi bonum - Say nothing but good about the dead. (Chilon)
De nihilo nihil - Nothing comes from nothing. (Lucretius)
De novo - Anew
De profundis - Up from the depths (of misery)
De rerum natvra - On the nature of things. (title of Marcus Aurelius's magnum opus)
Decrevi - I have decreed
Dei gratia - By the grace of God
Delenda est carthago - Carthage must be destroyed
Dente lupus, cornu taurus petit - The wolf attacks with his fang, the bull with his horn. (Horace)
Deo adiuvante - With God's help
Deo favente - With God's favour
Deo gratias - [We give] thanks to God
Deo Optimo Maximo - To God, the Best, the Greatest
Deo vindice - God will prove us right. (motto of the Confederate States of America)
Deo volente - God willing
Desunt cetera - The rest is missing
Deus absconditus - A god who is hidden from man
Deus commodo muto consisto quem meus canis sententia existo - Which, in a very ham-fisted way, with generosity, comes close to being
Deus et natua non faciunt frustra - God and nature do not work together in vain
Deus ex machina - A contrived or artificial solution. (literally, 'a god from a machine')
Deus Misereatur - May God Have Mercy
Deus vobiscum - God be with you
Deus volent - (as) God will
Deus vult! - God wills it! (Slogan of the Crusades)
Di! Ecce hora! Uxor mea me necabit! - God, look at the time! My wife will kill me!
Diabolus fecit, ut id facerem! - The devil made me do it!
Dic mihi solum facta, domina - Just the facts, ma'am
Dictum sapienti sat est - A word to a wise person is sufficient
Die dulci freure - Have a nice day
Diem perdidit - I have lost a day (another day wasted) (Titus)
Dies felices - Happy Days
Dies Irae - Day of Wrath, or Judgment Day
Dies natalis - Birthday
Dies non - Business free day
Difficile est longum subito deponere amorem - It is difficult to suddenly give up a long love. (Catullus)
Difficile est saturam non scribere - It is hard not to write satire. (Juvenalis)
Difficile est tenere quae acceperis nisi exerceas - It is difficult to retain what you may have learned unless you

should practice it. (Pliny the Younger)

Diis aliter visum - The Gods decided otherwise

Diligentia maximum etiam mediocris ingeni subsidium - Diligence is a very great help even to a mediocre intelligence. (Seneca)

Diligite justitiam, o iudices terrae - Cherish justice, o judges of the earth

Dimidium facti qui coepit habet - Half is done when the beginning is done. (Horace)

Dira necessitas - The dire necessity. (Horace)

Discere docendo - To learn through teaching

Disiecti membra poetae - Limbs of a dismembered poet. (Horace)

Disiecta membra - The scattered remains

Divide et impera - Divide and conquer

Dixi - I have spoken. (I will say no more on the matter, and no one else may speak further)

Do ut des - I give so that you give back

Docendo discitur - It is learned by teaching. (Seneca)

Doli capax - Capable of crime

Domine, dirige nos - Lord, direct us

Domino optimo maximo - To the Lord, the best and greatest

Dominus illuminatio mea - The Lord is my light

Dominus providebit - The Lord will provide

Dominus tecum - May the Lord be with you (Singular)

Dominus vobiscum - May the Lord be with you (Plural)

Domus dulcis domus - Home sweet home

Donec eris felix, multos numerabis amicos - As long as you are fortunate, you will have many friends (when you are successful, everyone wants to be your friend)

Donna nobis pacem - Grant us peace

Draco dormiens nunquam titillandus - Never Tickle a Sleeping Dragon. (motto of Harry Potter's alma mater)

Dramatis personae - Characters of the play

Duc, sequere, aut de via decede - Lead, follow, or get out of the way

Ducator meus nihil agit sine lagunculae leynidae accedunt - My calculator does not work without batteries

Duco ergo sum - I calculate therefore I am

Dulce bellum inexpertis - War is sweet for those who haven't experienced it. (Pindaros)

Dulce est desipere in loco - It is sweet to relax at the proper time

Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori - It is sweet and glorious to die for one's country. (Horace)

Dulcius ex asperis - Through difficulty, sweetness

Dum excusare credis, accusas - When you believe you are excusing yourself, you are accusing yourself. (St. Jerome)

Dum inter homines sumus, colamus humanitatem - As long as we are among humans, let us be humane. (Seneca)

Dum spiramus tuebimur - While we breathe, we shall defend

Dum spiro, spero - While I breathe, I hope. (Cicero)

Dum tempus habemus, operemur bonum - While we have the time, let us do good

Dum vita est spes est - While life is, hope is. / While there is life there is hope

Dum vivimus, vivamus - While we live, let us live (Epicurean philosophy)

Dura lex, sed lex - The law is harsh, but it is the law

E

E contrario - From a contrary position

E pluribus unum - From many, one (motto of the USA)

E re nata - As circumstances dictate

E vestigio - From where one stands

Ecce homo - Behold the man
Ecce signum - Behold the proof
Editio princeps - First printed edition
Ego et rex meus - I and my King
Ego me bene habeo - With me all is well. (last words) (Burrus)
Ego nolo caesar esse - I don't want to be Caesar. (Florus)
Ego spem pretio non emo - I do not purchase hope for a price. (I do not buy a pig in a poke.)
Ego - Consciousness of one's own identity
Eheu fugaces labuntur anni - Alas, the fleeting years slip by. (Horace)
Eheu, litteras istas reperire non possum - Unfortunately, I can't find those particular documents
Eiusdem generis - Of the same kind
Elizabeth Regina/Eduardus Rex (E.R.) - Queen Elizabeth/King Edward
Emeritus - Honorary; by merit
Emitte lucem et veritatem - Send out light and truth
Ense et aratro - With sword and plow. (citizen-soldier, one who serves in war and peace)
Eo ipso - By that very act
Eo nomine - Under that name
Epistula non erubescit - A letter doesn't blush. (Cicero)
Eram quod es, eris quod sum - I was what you are, you will be what I am. (grave inscription)
Ergo bibamus - Therefore, let us drink
Ergo - Therefore
Errare humanum est - To err is human. / It is human to err. (Seneca)
Errata - A list of errors (in a book)
Erratum (errata) - Error (errors)
Escariorium lavator - Dishwashing machine
Esse est percipi - Being is perception. (It is a standard metaphysical) (Mauser)
Esse quam videri - To be, rather than to seem (state motto of North Carolina)
Est autem fides credere quod nondum vides; cuius fidei merces est videre quod credis - Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe. (St. Augustine)
Est deus in nobis - There is a god inside us
Est modus in rebus - There is a middle ground in things. (Horace)
Est quaedam fieri voluptas - There is a certain pleasure in weeping. (Ovid)
Estne tibi forte magna feles fulva et planissima? - Do you by chance happen to own a large, yellowish, very flat cat?
Estne volumen in toga, an solum tibi libet me videre? - Is that a scroll in your toga, or are you just happy to see me?
Esto perpetua - Let it be forever
Esto perpetue - May you last for ever
Et alii/aliae - Other persons/things
Et cetera/etcetera (etc.) - And the rest
Et in arcadia ego - I, also, am in Arcadia
Et sequens (et seq.) - And the following
Et sequentes (et seq. Or seqq.) - And those that follow
Et sic de ceteris - And so to of the rest
Et tu, Brute - And you, Brutus
Et uxor (abbreviated et ux.) - And wife
Etiam capillus unus habet umbram - Even one hair has a shadow. (Publilius Syrus)
Eventus stultorum magister - Events are the teacher of the stupid persons. Stupid people learn by experience, bright people calculate what to do
Ex abrupto - Without preparation
Ex abundancia cordis, os loquitor - From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks
Ex animo - From the heart (sincerely)

Ex ante - Before the event, beforehand. (economics: based on prior assumptions)
Ex cathedra - From the chair. With authority (without argumentation)
Ex cearulo - Out of the blue
Ex curia - Out of court
Ex dolo - Intentionally
Ex gratia - Purely as a favour
Ex hypothesi - From the hypothesis. (i.e. The one under consideration)
Ex libris - From the Library (of)
Ex luna, scientia - From the moon, knowledge. (motto of Apollo 13)
Ex mea sententia - In my opinion
Ex more - According to custom
Ex nihilo nihil fit - Nothing comes from nothing
Ex officio - By virtue of his office
Ex opere operato - By the work having been worked
Ex parte - By only one party to a dispute in the absence of the other
Ex post facto - After the fact, or Retrospectively
Ex proprio motu - Voluntarily
Ex silentio - From silence. (from lack of contrary evidence)
Ex tempore - Off the cuff, without preparation
Ex uno disce omnes - From one person learn all persons. (From one we can judge the rest)
Ex vi termini - By definition
Ex voto - According to one's vow
Ex - Out of
Excelsior - Ever upward. (state motto of New York)
Exceptio probat regulam de rebus non exceptis - An exception establishes the rule as to things not excepted
Exceptis excipiendis - Excepting what is to be excepted
Excitabat fluctus in simpulo - He was stirring up billows in a ladle. (He was raising a tempest in a teapot) (Cicero)
Excusatio non petita, accusatio manifesta - He who excuses himself, accuses himself (qui s'excuse, s'accuse)
Exeat - Permission for a temporary absence
Exegi monumentum aere perennius - I have erected a monument more lasting than bronze. (Horace)
Exempli gratia (e.g.) - For the sake of example
Exeunt omnes - All go out. (A common stage direction in plays)
Exeunt - They go out
Exit - He/she goes out
Exitus acta probat - The outcome proves the deeds. (the end justifies the means) (Ovid)
Experientia docet stultos - Experience teaches fools
Experientia docet - Experience is the best teacher
Experimentum crucis - Critical experiment
Expressio unius est exclusio alterius - The mention of one thing may exclude others
Extempore - Without premeditation
Exterioris pagina puella - Cover Girl
Extinctus amabitur idem - The same [hated] man will be loved after he's dead. How quickly we forget. (Horace)
Extra ecclesiam nulla salus - Outside the Church [there is] No Salvation. (A phrase of much disputed significance in Roman Catholic theology)
Extra territorium jus dicenti impune non paretur - The judgment (or the authority) of one who is exceeding his territorial jurisdiction is disobeyed with impunity

Fabas indulcet fames - Hunger sweetens the beans, or hunger makes everything taste good!
Faber est suae quisque fortunae - Every man is the artisan of his own fortune. (Appius Claudius Caecus)
Faber quisque fortunae suae - Each man (is) the maker of his own fortune
Fabricati diem - Make my day
Fac me cocleario vomere! - Gag me with a spoon!
Fac ut nemo me vocet - Hold my calls
Fac ut vivas - Get a life
Facile princeps - Acknowledged leader
Facilis descensus averno - The descent to Avernus (Hell) it's easy to fall, hard to rise
Facilius est multa facere quam diu - It is easier to do many things than to do one for a long time. (Quintilianus)
Facilius per partes in cognitionem totius adducimur - We are more easily led part by part to an understanding of the whole. (Seneca)
Facito aliquid operis, ut te semper diabolus inveniat occupatum - Always do something, so that the devil always finds you occupied. (St. Jerome)
Facta, non verba - Deeds, not words. (Actions speak louder than words)
Factum est - It is done
Fallaces sunt rerum species - The appearances of things are deceptive. (Seneca)
Falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus - False in one thing, false in all
Fama crescit eundo - The rumour grows as it goes. (Vergil)
Fama nihil est celerius - Nothing is swifter than rumor
Fama semper vivat - May his/her fame last forever
Fama volat - The rumour has wings. (Vergil)
Fames est optimus coquus - Hunger is the best cook
Farrago fatigans! - Thuffering thuccotash!
Fas est et ab hoste doceri - It's proper to learn even from an enemy. (Ovid)
Favete linguis - To keep a (religious) silence. (Horace)
Fax mentis incedium gloriae - The passion of glory is the torch of the mind
Fecit (fec.) - Made by
Feles mala! cur cista non uteris? stramentum novum in ea posui - Bad kitty! Why don't you use the cat box? I put new litter in it
Feles mala! - Bad kitty!
Felis qvi nihil debet - Happy [is] he who owes nothing
Felix culpa - Happy fault
Felix qui potuit rerum cognoscere causas - Happy is he who has been able to learn the causes of things. (Vergil)
Felo de se - Suicide
Fere libenter homines id quod volunt credunt - Men readily believe what they want to believe. (Caesar)
Festina lente - Make haste slowly
Fiat justitia (et ruat caelum) - Let justice be done. (though the heavens fall)"
Fiat lux - Let there be light
Fiat voluntas tua - Let Thy will [be done] (Biblical)
Fiat - Let it be done
Fide, non armis - By faith, not arms
Fidei defensor - Defender of the faith
Fides punica - Treachery. (Livy)
Fides quaerens intellectum - Faith seeking understanding
Fidus Achates - Faithful Achates (friend)
Filioque - And from the son
Filius nullius - A bastard
Finem respice - Look to the end [before setting forth]
Finis coronat opus - The ending crowns the work. (Ovid)
Finis - The end
Flagrante delicto - Literally while the crime is blazing. Caught red-handed, in the very act of a crime

Flamma fumo est proxima - Flame follows smoke. (there is no smoke without fire) (Plautus)
Floreat regina regina - May it flourish. (motto of the City of Regina, Saskatchewan Canada)
Floruit - Flourished
Fluctuat nec mergitur - It is tossed by the waves but it does not sink
Fons et origo - The source and origin
Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit - Perhaps someday we will look back upon these things with joy
Forsan miseros meliora sequentur - For those in misery perhaps better things will follow. (Virgil)
Fortes et liber - Strong and free. (Alberta)
Fortes fortuna adiuvat - Fortune favors the brave. (Terence)
Fortes fortuna iuvat - Fortune favours the brave
Fortiter fideliter forsitan feliciter - Bravely, faithfully, perhaps successfully
Fortiter in re, suaviter in modo - Resolutely in action, gently in manner. (To do unhesitatingly what must be done but accomplishing it as inoffensively as possible)
Fortitudine vincimus - By endurance we conquer
Fortius quo fidelius - Strength through loyalty
Fortuna amicos parat, inopia amicos probat - The fortune is preparing friends, the abundance is testing them
Fortuna vitrea est; tum cum splendet frangitur - Fortune is glass; just when it gleams brightest it shatters
Fortuna caeca est - Fortune is blind. (Cicero)
Fortunatus sum! Pila mea de gramine horrido modo in pratum lene recta volvit! - Isn't that lucky! My ball just rolled out of the rough and onto the fairway!
Frangar non flectar - I am broken, I am not deflected
Frater, ave atque vale - Brother, hello and good-bye. (Catullus)
Fronti nulla fides - No reliance can be placed on appearance. (don't judge a book by its cover)
Frustra laborant quotquot se calculationibus fatigant pro inventione quadraturae circuli - Futile is the labor of those who fatigue themselves with calculations to square the circle. (Michael Stifel, 1544)
Fugit hora - The hour flies
Fugit inreparabile tempus - Irretrievable time flies. (Virgil)
Functus officio - Having discharged his duty and thus ceased to have any authority over a matter
Furnulum pani nolo - I don't want a toaster

G

Gaudeamus igitur (iuvenes dum sumus) - Therefore, let us rejoice. (while we are young)
Genius loci - The guardian spirit of the place
Gens togata - The toga-clad race; the romans
Genus irritabile vatum - The irritable race of poets. (Horace)
Gladiator in arena consilium capit - The gladiator is formulating his plan in the arena (i.e., too late) (Seneca)
Gloria filiorum patres - The glory of sons is their fathers
Gloria in excelsis deo - Glory to God in the highest
Gloria Patri - Glory to the Father
Gloria virtutis umbra - Glory (is) the shadow of virtue
Gloria - Glory
Gloriosum est iniurias oblivisci - It is glorious to forget the injustice
Gnothe seauton (Greek) - Know thyself
Graeca sunt, non leguntur - It is Greek, you don't read that
Gramen artificiosum odi - I hate Astro turf
Gratia placenti - For the sake of pleasing
Graecia capta ferum victorem cepit - Captive Greece conquered her savage victor. (Horace)
Graviora manent - Greater dangers await
Gutta cavat lapidem, non vi sed saepe cadendo - The drop excavates the stone, not with force but by falling often. (Ovid)

H

- Habeas corpus** - You must have the body, i.e. You must justify an imprisonment
- Habemus Papam** - We have a pope. (used at the announcement of a new pope)
- Habetis bona deum** - Have a nice day
- Hac lege** - With this law
- Haec olim meminisse iuvabit** - Time heals all things, i.e. Wounds, offenses
- Haec trutina errat** - There is something wrong with this scale
- Hannibal ante portas!** - Hannibal is at the doors! The enemy/danger is at the doors!
- Haud ignota loquor** - I say things that are known
- Helluo librorum** - A glutton for books. (bookworm)
- Heu! Tintinnuntius meus sonat!** - Darn! There goes my beeper!
- Heus, hic nos omnes in agmine sunt!** - Hey, we're all in line here!
- Hic et nunc** - Here and now
- Hic habitat felicitas** - Here dwells happiness
- Hic jacet (HJ)** - Here lies. (written on gravestones or tombs)
- Hic jacet sepultus (HJS)** - Here lies buried
- Hic puer est stultissimus omnium!** - This boy is the stupidest of all!
- Hinc illae lacrimae** - Hence these tears. (Terence)
- Historia est vitae magistra** - The history is the tutor of life
- Hoc erat in votis** - This was among my prayers
- Hoc est in votis** - This is in my prayers
- Hoc est verum et nihili nisi verum** - This is the truth and nothing but the truth
- Hoc est vivere bis vita posse priore frui** - To live twice is to make useful profit from one's past. Experience is the best teacher, so learn from it
- Hoc natura est insitum, ut quem timueris, hunc semper oderis** - It's an innate thing to always hate the one we've learnt to fear
- Hoc tempore obsequium amicos, veritas odium parit** - In these days friends are won through flattery, the truth gives birth to hate. (Terence)
- Hocine bibo aut in eum digitos insero?** - Do I drink this or stick my fingers in it?
- Hodie mihi, cras tibi** - Today for me, tomorrow for you
- Homines libenter quod volunt credunt** - Men believe what they want to. (Terentius)
- Homines, dum docent, discunt** - Men learn while they teach. (Seneca)
- Homo doctus in se semper divitias habet** - A learned man always has wealth within himself
- Homo homini lupus** - Man is a wolf to man
- Homo nudus cum nuda iacebat** - Naked they lay together, man and woman
- Homo praesumitur bonus donec probetur malus** - One is innocent until proven guilty
- Homo proponit, sed Deus disponit** - Man proposes, but God disposes
- Homo sum, humani nihil a me alienum puto** - I am human, therefore nothing human is strange to me
- Homo sum** - I am a man
- Homo vitae commodatus non donatus est** - Man has been lent to life, not given. (Pubilius Syrus)
- Honor virutis praemium** - Honour is the reward of virtue
- Honores mutant mores** - The honours change the customs. (Power corrupts)
- Honoris causa (h.c.)** - As in doctorate, an honorary degree
- Horas non numero nisi serenas** - I count only the bright hours. (Inscription on ancient sundials)
- Horribile dictu** - Horrible to tell
- Horror vacui** - Fear of empty places
- Hostis humani generis** - Enemy of the human race
- Huc accedit zambonis!** - Here comes the Zamboni!
- Humum mandere** - To bite the dust
- Hunc tu caveto** - Beware of this man

I

- Ibidem (Ib.)** - *In the same place. (in a book)*
- Id certum est quod certum reddi potest** - *That is certain that can be made certain*
- Id est (i.e.)** - *That is to say*
- Id est mihi, id non est tibi!** - *It is mine, not yours!*
- Id imperfectum manet dum confectum erit** - *It ain't over until it's over*
- Id tibi praebet speciem lepidissimam!** - *It looks great on you!*
- Idem quod (i.q.)** - *The same as*
- Idem** - *The same*
- Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum (INRI)** - *Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews*
- Ignis aurum probat, miseria fortes viros** - *Life is not a bowl of cherries, or, literally, Fire tests gold; adversity tests strong men*
- Ignis fatuus** - *Foolish fire (will-o-the-wisp)*
- Ignorantia juris neminem excusat** - *Ignorance of the law excuses no one*
- Ignoratio elenchi** - *An ignorance of proof*
- Ignotus (ign.)** - *Unknown*
- Ille dolet vere, qui sine teste dolet** - *He mourns honestly who mourns without witnesses. (Martialis)*
- Ille mi par esse deo videtur** - *He seems to me to be equal to a god. (Catullus)*
- Illegitimis nil carborundum** - *Don't let the bastards grind you down*
- Illud latine dici non potest** - *You can't say that in Latin*
- Illius me paenitet, dux** - *Sorry about that, chief*
- Imitatores, servum pecus!** - *Imitators, you slavish crowd! (Horace)*
- Imperator/Imperatrix (Imp.)** - *Emperor/Empress*
- Imperator** - *Emperor*
- Imperium et libertas** - *Empire and liberty. (Cicero)*
- Imperium in imperio** - *An empire within an empire, i.e. A fifth column, a group of people within an nation's territory who owe allegiance to some other leader*
- Imperium** - *Absolute power*
- Impossibilium nulla obligatio est** - *Nobody has any obligation to the impossible. (Corpus Iuris Civilis)*
- Imprimatur** - *Let it be printed*
- Imprimis** - *In first place*
- In absentia** - *In one's absence*
- In actu** - *In practice*
- In aere aedificare** - *Build (castles) in the air. (St. Augustine)*
- In aeternum** - *For eternity*
- In alio pediculum, in te ricinum non vides** - *You see a louse on someone else, but not a tick on yourself. (Petronius)*
- In articulo mortis** - *At the moment of death*
- In banco** - *On the bench*
- In camera** - *In private chamber*
- In capite** - *In chief*
- In cavda venenvm** - *In the tail [is the] poison. Watch out for what you don't see*
- In curia** - *In court*
- In dentibus anticis frustrum magnum spiniciae habes** - *You have a big piece of spinach in your front teeth*
- In distans** - *At a distance*
- In dubiis non est agendum** - *In dubious cases, you should not act*
- In dubio pro reo** - *In doubt in favor of the accused. If there is a doubt about guiltiness, the judgement has to be in favour of the accused*
- In dubio** - *In doubt*

In esse - *In existence*
In excelsis - *In the highest*
In extenso - *At full length*
In extremis - *In extremity*
In fine - *At the end*
In flagrante delicto - *In the very act of committing an offence*
In forma pauperis - *In the form of a poor person; in a humble or abject manner*
In futuro - *In the future*
In gremio legis - *In the protection of the law*
In his ordo est ordinem non servare - *In this case the only rule is not obeying any rules*
In hoc signo vinces - *In this sign, you will be victorious. (Eusebios)*
In infinitum - *To infinity; without end*
In libris libertas - *In books (there is) freedom*
In limine - *On the threshold, at the very outset*
In loco parentis - *In the place of a parent*
In loco - *In the place of*
In magnis et voluisse sat est - *To once have wanted is enough in great deeds. (Propertius)*
In media res - *In or into the middle of a sequence of events. (Horace)*
In medias res - *Into the midst of things*
In medio stat virtus - *Virtue stands in the middle. Virtue is in the moderate, not the extreme position. (Horace)*
In medio tutissimus ibis - *In the middle of things you will go most safe. (Ovid)*
In memoriam - *To the memory of*
In necessariis unitas, in dubiis libertas, in omnibus caritas - *In necessary things unity, in doubtful things liberty, in all things charity*
In nomine Domini - *In the name of the Lord*
In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Santi - *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*
In nubibus - *In the clouds*
In nuce - *In a nutshell*
In omnia paratus - *Prepared for all things*
In ovo - *In the egg*
In pace, ut sapiens, aptarit idonea bello - *In peace, like a wise man, he appropriately prepares for war*
In pace - *In peace*
In pari materia - *Of like kind*
In partibus infidelium - *In parts inhabited by unbelievers*
In parvo - *In miniature*
In perpetuum - *For ever*
In personam - *Against the person*
In pleno - *In full*
In pontificalibus - *In the proper vestments of a pope or cardinal*
in posse - *In possibility*
In posterum - *Till the next day*
In praesenti - *At the present time*
In principio - *In the beginning*
In propria persona - *In person*
In puris naturalibus - *Completely naked*
In quaestione versare - *To be under investigation*
In re - *Referring to*
In rem - *Against the matter (property)*
In rerum natura - *In the nature of things*
In saecula saeculorum - *For ages of ages forever*
In se - *In itself*
In silico - *By means of a computer simulation*

In silvam ne ligna feras - Don't carry logs into the forest. (Horace)

In situ - In position

In specie - In kind; (a) in its own form and not in an equivalent (b) in coins and not in paper money

In spiritu et veritate - In spirit and truth. (Versio Vulgata)

In statu quo - In the same state

In terrorem - As a warning; in order to terrify others

In totidem verbis - In so many words

In toto - As a whole, absolutely, Completely

In transitu - In passing, on the way

In usu - In use

In utero - In the womb

In vacuo - In a vacuum or empty space

In vinctis etiam audax - In chains yet still bold (free)

In vino veritas - The truth is in wine. (A drunk person tells the truth)

In virtute sunt multi ascensus - There are many degrees in excellence. (Cicero)

In vitro - In a test tube (literally glass)

In vivo - In the living (thing)

Incipit - Begin here

Incredibile dictu - Incredible to say

Index librorum prohibitorum - Official list of forbidden books not to be read by Catholics

Indulgentiam quaeso - I ask your indulgence

Infinitus est numerus stultorum - Infinite is the number of fools

Infra dignitatem (dig.) - Undignified; beneath one's dignity

Infra - Below, underneath

Inhumanitas omni aetate molesta est - Inhumanity is harmful in every age. (Cicero)

Iniqua nunquam regna perpetuo manent - Stern masters do not reign long. (Seneca Philosophus)

Iniuria non excusat iniuriam - One wrong does not justify another

Insanabile cacoethes scribendi - An incurable passion to write. (Juvenal)

Insculpsit - He/she engraved it

Instrumentum aeri temperando - Airconditioner

Insula gilliganis - Gilligan's Island

Integer vitae scelerisque purus - Blameless of life and free from crime

Intellectum valde amat - Love the intellect strongly. (St. Augustine)

Intelligenti pauca - Few words suffice for he who understands

Intelligo me intelligere - I understand that I understand. (St. Augustine)

Inter alia - Among other things

Inter alios - Amongst other people

Inter arma silent leges - In time of war, laws are silent

Inter caecos regnat strabo - Among blinds the squinting rules. (Erasmus)

Inter caesa et porrecta - There's many a slip twixt cup and lip

Inter canum et lupum - Between a dog and a wolf

Inter nos - Between ourselves

Inter partes - Made between two parties

Inter se - Between themselves

Inter spem et metum - Between hope and fear

Inter vivos - Between living (people)

Interdum feror cupidine partium magnarum europe vincendarum - Sometimes I get this urge to conquer large parts of Europe

Interfice errorem, diligere errantem - Kill the sin, love the sinner. (St. Augustine)

Interregnum - Period between rules anarchy, lawlessness

Intra muros - Within the walls

Intra vires - Within the power

Inventas vitam iuvat excoluisse per artes - Let us improve life through science and art. (Vergil)

Ipsa quidem pretium virtus sibi - Virtue is its own reward

Ipsa scientia potestas est - Knowledge itself is power. (Bacon)

Ipsi dixit - He himself said it. (Cicero)

Ipsissima verba - The exact words

Ipso facto - By that very fact

Ipso iure - By operation of the law

Ira furor brevis est - Anger is a brief insanity. (Horace)

Ire fortiter quo nemo ante iit - To boldly go where no man has gone before. (Star Trek)

Isto pensitaris? - You get paid for this crap?

Ita erat quando hic adveni - It was that way when I got here

Ita est - Yes./It is so

Ite, misse est - Go, the Mass is finished

Iubilare Deo - Rejoice in God

Iunctis viribus - By united efforts

Iure divino - By divine law

Iure humano - By human law

Ius civile - Civil law

Ius gentium - The law of nations

Ius primae noctis - The right of the first night

Ius est ars boni et aequi - Law is the art of the good and the just

Ius gentium - Right of tribes law of nations

J

Justitia omnibus - Justice for all

K

Koming soon - Sorry, bad joke

L

Labera lege - Read my lips

Labor omnia vincit - Work conquers all things. (Virgil)

Labra lege - Read my lips

Lachryma Christi - Christ's tears

Lapsus alumni - Error made

Lapsus calami - A slip of the pen

Lapsus linguae - A slip of the tongue

Lapsus memoriae - A slip of the memory

Lapsus nivium! - Avalanche!!

Lares et penates - Household gods

Latet anguis in herba - A snake lies in the grass. (Vergil)

Latine dictum - Spoken in Latin

Latine loqui coactus sum - I have this compulsion to speak Latin

Latro! fremo! - Woof woof! Grrrr!

Laudant illa, sed ista legunt - Some (writing) is praised, but other is read. (Martialis)

Laudatores temporis acti - Praisers of time past

Laus Deo - Praise be to God

Laudem virtutis necessitati damus - We give to necessity the praise of virtue finding the benefit in what's needful

Lectori Salutem (L.S.) - Greetings to the reader

Lectio brevior lectio potior - The shortest reading is the more probable reading
Lector benevole - Kind reader
Legatus a latere - Advisor from the side
Lege atque lacrima - Read 'em and weep
Lege et lacrima - Read it and weep
Legum servi sumus ut liberi esse possimus - We are slaves of the law so that we may be able to be free. (Cicero)
Leve fit, quod bene fertur, onus - The burden is made light which is borne well. (Ovid)
Lex clavatoris designati rescindenda est - The designated hitter rule has got to go
Lex domicilii - The law of a person's home country
Lex fori - The law of the forum (country)
Lex loci - The law of the place
Lex malla, lex nulla - A bad law is no law. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
Lex non scripta - The unwritten (common) law
Lex scripta - The written law
Lex talionis - The law of revenge
Libenter homines id quod volunt credunt - Men gladly believe that which they wish for. (Caesar)
Liberae sunt nostrae cogitationes - Our thoughts are free. (Cicero)
Liberate te ex inferis - Save yourself from hell
Libertas inaestimabilis res est - Liberty is a thing beyond all price. (Corpus Iuris Civilis)
Liberum arbitrium - Free will
Libra solidus denarius (L.S.D.) - Pounds, shillings, pence
Licentia liquendi - Liberty of speaking
Licentia poetica - Poetic licence. (Seneca)
Licet - It is allowed
Lingua franca - French tongue - the common or universal language
Literati - Men of letters
Litoralis - Beach bum
Litterae humaniores - The humanities
Loco citato (lc) - In the passage just quoted
Locum tenens - One occupying the place (used as an English noun meaning 'deputy')
Locus classicus - The most authoritative source, Classical passage
Locus delicti - The scene of the crime
Locus desperatus - A hopeless passage
Locus enim est principum generationis rerum - For place is the origin of things. (Roger Bacon)
Locus in quo - The place in which something happens
Locus poenitentiae - A place for repentance
Locus sigilli (l.s.) - The place of the seal
Locus standi - Place of standing
Longo intervallo - After a long gap
Loquitur (loq.) - He/she speaks
Luctor et emergo - I struggle but I'll survive
Luke sum ipse patrem te - Luke, I am your father. (Star Wars)
Lumen naturale - Natural light
Lupus est homo homini - Man is wolf to man
Lupus in fabula - The wolf in the tale (i.e. Speak of the wolf, and he will come) (Terence)
Lusus naturae - A freak of nature
Lux et veritas - Light and Truth
Lux mundi - The light of the world

M

- Machina improba! Vel mihi ede potum vel mihi redde nummos meos!** - You infernal machine! Give me a beverage or give me my money back!
- Maecenas atavis edite regibus** - Maecenas, born of monarch ancestors. (Horace)
- Magister artis ingenique largitor venter** - Necessity is the mother of all invention
- Magister Artium (MA)** - Master of arts
- Magister mundi sum!** - I am the master of the universe!
- Magna charta** - Great paper
- Magna cum laude** - With great honour or academic distinction
- Magna res est vocis et silentii temperamentum** - The great thing is to know when to speak and when to keep quiet
- Magnas inter oper inops** - A pauper in the midst of wealth. (Horace)
- Magnificat** - It magnifies
- Magnum bonum** - A great good
- Magnum opus** - Great work, the major work of one's life
- Magnus frater spectat te** - Big Brother is watching you
- Maior risus, acrior ensis: quadragesima octava regula quaesitus** - The bigger the smile, the sharper the knife: the 48th rule of acquisition
- Mala fide** - In bad faith (something which is done fraudulently)
- Male parta male dilabuntur** - What has been wrongly gained is wrongly lost. (Ill-gotten gains seldom prosper.) (Cicero)
- Malum consilium quod mutari non potest** - It's a bad plan that can't be changed. (Publilius Syrus)
- Malum prohibitum** - A prohibited wrong. A crime that society decides is wrong for some reason, not inherently evil
- Malum quidem nullum esse sine aliquo bono** - There is, to be sure, no evil without something good. (Pliny the Elder)
- Manus in mano** - Hand in hand
- Manus manum lavat** - One hand washes the other. The favor for the favor. (Petronius)
- Mare clausum** - A closed sea
- Mare liberum** - An open sea
- Mare nostrum** - Our sea. (Mediterranean)
- Margaritas ante porcos** - Pearls before swine. To give something valuable to someone not respecting it
- Mater artium necessitas** - Necessity is the mother of invention
- Mater dolorosa** - Sorrowful mother. (Virgin Mary)
- Mater memento mori** - Remember your mortality
- Mater tua criceta fuit, et pater tuo redoluit bacarum sambucus** - Your mother was a hamster and your father smelt of elderberries
- Mater** - Mother
- Materfamilias** - Mother of family
- Materia medica** - Medical matter
- Materiam superabat opus** - The workmanship was better than the subject matter. (Ovid)
- Maxima debetur puero reverentia** - We owe the greatest respect to a child
- Maximus in minimis** - Great in little things
- Me fallit** - I do not know
- Me iudice** - I being judge; in my judgement
- Me oportet propter praeceptum te nocere** - I'm going to have to hurt you on principle
- Me transmittite sursum, caledoni!** - Beam me up, Scotty!
- Mea culpa** - Through my fault
- Mea maxima culpa** - Through my very great fault
- Mea mihi conscientia pluris est quam omnium sermo** - My conscience means more to me than all speech.

(Cicero)

Medice, cura te ipsum! - Physician, heal thyself! (Versio Vulgata)

Medici graviores morbos asperis remediis curant - Doctors cure the more serious diseases with harsh remedies. (Curtius Rufus)

Medicus curat, natura sanat - The physician treats, nature cures

Medio tutissimus ibis - You will go safest in the middle. (Moderation in all things) (Ovid)

Mei capilli sunt flagrant - My hair is on fire

Meliora cogito - I strive for the best

Melitae amor - Love of Malta

Melius est praevenire quam praeveniri - Better to forestall than to be forestalled

Melius frangi quam flecti - It is better to break than to bend

Melius tarde, quam nunquam - Better late than never

Mellita, domi adsum - Honey, I'm home

Memento mori - Remember that you must die

Memento vivere - A reminder of life (literally remember that you have to live)

Memorabilia - Memorable things

Memorandum - A note of; a thing to be remembered

Memoria in aeterna - In everlasting remembrance

Memoriter - From memory

Mendacem memorem esse oportet - A liar needs a good memory. (Quintilianus)

Mens agitat molem - The mind moves the matter. (Vergil)

Mens rea - Guilty mind

Mens regnum bona possidet - An honest heart is a kingdom in itself. (Seneca)

Mens sana in corpore sano - A sound mind in a sound body. (Juvenalis)

Mens sibi conscia recti - A mind conscious of its rectitude

Meum cerebrum nocet - My brain hurts

Meum pactum dictum - My word is my bond

Mihi cura futuri - My concern is the future

Mihi ignosce. Cum homine de cane debeo congredi - Excuse me. I've got to see a man about a dog

Millennium (millennia) - A thousand year period

Minime senuisti! - You haven't aged a bit!

Minus habens - Absentminded

Mirabile dictu - Wonderful to say/relate. (Vergil)

Mirabile visu - Wonderful to behold

Miserere - Have mercy

Missa solemnis - Solemn Mass. (high Mass)

Mittimus - We send (to prison)

Modus agendi - Manner of operation

Modus operandi (m.o.) - Way of operating

Modus vivendi - Way of living

Monstra mihi pecuniam! - Show me the money!

Moratorium - A delay

Morituri te salutant - Those who are about to die salute you

Mors ultima linea rerum est - Death is everything's final limit. (Horace)

Mors ultima ratio - Death is the final accounting

Mortui non mordant - Dead men don't bite; Dead men tell no tale

Motu proprio - Of one's own initiative

Mulier taceat in ecclesia - Let the woman be silent in church. (Paul)

Multi famam, conscientiam pauci verentur - Many fear their reputation, few their conscience. (Pliny)

Multis post annis - Many years later

Multum in parvo - Much in little. (small but significant)

Multum, non multa - Much, not many (quality not quantity)

Mundus vult decipi, ergo decipiatur - The world wants to be deceived, so let it be deceived!
Mundus vult decipi - The world wants to be deceived
Munit haec et altera vincit - One defends and the other conquers
Mus uni non fidit antro - A mouse does not rely on just one hole. (Plautus)
Musica delenit bestiam feram - Music soothes the savage beast
Mutatis mutandis - The necessary changes having been made
Mutato nomine - The name being changed
Mvlti svnt vocati, pavci vero electi - Many are called [but] few are chosen
Mvndvs vult decipi - The world wishes to be deceived there's a sucker born every minute
Mvtatis mvtandis - The things that ought to have changed having been changed with the necessary substitutions having been made

N

Nam et ipsa scientia potestas es - Knowledge is power. (Sir Francis Bacon)
Nascentes morimur - From the moment we are born, we begin to die
Natale solum - Native soil
Natura abhorret a vacua - Nature abhors a vacuum
Natura in minima maxima - Nature is the greatest in the smallest things
Natura nihil fit in frustra - Nature does nothing in vain
Natura, artis magistra - Nature, the mistress of art
Naturam expellas furca, tamen usque recurret - You can drive nature out with a pitchfork but she always comes back
Navigare necesse est - To sail is necessary
Ne auderis delere orbem rigidum meum! - Don't you dare erase my hard disk!
Ne cede malis - Yield not to evils
Ne feceris ut rideam - Don't make me laugh
Ne humanus crede - Trust no human
Ne nimium - Not too much
Ne plus ultra - No further. Impassable obstacle
Ne quid nimis - Nothing in excess. (Terence)
Nec laudas nisi mortuos poetas: tanti non est, ut placeam, perire - If only dead poets are praised, I'd rather go unsung
Nec mortem effugere quisquam nec amorem potest - No one is able to flee from death or love
Nec possum tecum vivere, nec sine te - I am able to live / I can live neither with you, nor without you. (Martial)
Nec verbum verbo curabis reddere fidus interpres - As a true translator you will take care not to translate word for word. (Horace)
Necesse est multos timeat quem multi timent - He must fear many, whom many fear. (Laberius)
Necessitas non habet legem - Necessity knows no law
Negotium populo romano melius quam otium committi - The Roman people understand work better than leisure
Nemine contradicente (nem. con.) - With no one speaking in opposition. Unanimously
Nemine dissentiente (nem. diss.) - With no one disagreeing
Nemo ante mortem beatus - Nobody is blessed before his death. We never know what is future preparing for us!
Nemo autem regere potest nisi qui et regi - Moreover, there is no one who can rule unless he can be ruled. (Seneca)
Nemo dat quod non habet - No one gives what he does not have
Nemo gratis mendax - No man lies freely. A person with no reason to lie is telling the truth
Nemo hic adest illius nominis - There is no one here by that name

Nemo liber est qui corpori servit - No one is free who is a slave to his body
Nemo malus felix - No bad man is lucky. (Juvenal)
Nemo me impune lacessit - No one provokes me with impunity. (motto of the Kings of Scotland)
Nemo nisi mors - Nobody except death (will part us). (Inscription in the wedding ring of the Swedish Queen Katarina Jagellonica)
Nemo propheta in patria sua - No one is considered a prophet in his hometown/homeland
Nemo repente fuit turpissimus - No one ever became thoroughly bad in one step. (Juvenal)
Nemo risum praebuit, qui ex se coepit - Nobody is laughed at, who laughs at himself. (Seneca)
Nemo saltat sobrius nisi forte insanit - Nobody dances sober unless he's insane
Nemo saltat sobrius - No man dances sober
Nemo sine vitio est - No one is without fault. (Seneca the Elder)
Nemo surdior est quam is qui non audiet - No man is more deaf than he who will not hear
Nemo timendo ad summum pervenit locum - No man by fearing reaches the top. (Syrus)
Nervos belli, pecuniam. (Nervus rerum.) - The nerve of war, money. (The nerve of things.) (Cicero)
Nescio quid dicas - I don't know what you're talking about
Neutiquam erro - I am not lost
Nihil ad rem - Nothing to do with the point
Nihil agere delectat - It is pleasant to do nothing. (Cicero)
Nihil aliud scit necessitas quam vincere - Necessity knows nothing else but victory. (Syrus)
Nihil curo de ista tua stulta superstitione - I'm not interested in your dopey religious cult
Nihil declaro - I have nothing to declare
Nihil est ab omni parte beatum - Nothing is good in every part. (Horace)
Nihil est incertius volgo - Nothing is more uncertain than the (favour of the) crowd. (Cicero)
Nihil est miserum nisi cum putes - Nothing is unfortunate if you don't consider it unfortunate. (Boethius)
Nihil est--In vita priore ego imperator romanus fui - That's nothing--in a previous life I was a Roman Emperor
Nihil obstat - Nothing stands in the way
Nihil sub sole novum - Nothing new under the sun
Nihil tam munitum quod non expugnari pecunia possit - No fort is so strong that it cannot be taken with money. (Cicero)
Nihil - Nothing
Nil actum credens dum quid superesset agendum - Thinking nothing done, while anything was yet to do
Nil actum reputa si quid superest agendum - Don't consider that anything has been done if anything is left to be done. (Lucan)
Nil admirari - To admire nothing. (Horace)
Nil agit exemplum, litem quod lite resolvit - Not much worth is an example that solves one quarrel with another. (Horace)
Nil desperandum! - Never despair! (Horace)
Nil homini certum est - Nothing is certain for man. (Ovid)
Nil sine numine - Nothing without the Divine Will
Nill illegitimi carborundum - Do not let the bastards get you down
Nisi credideritis, non intelligetis - Unless you will have believed, you will not understand. (St. Augustine)
Nisi prius - Unless previously
Nisi - Unless
Nolens volens - Whether one likes it or not; willing or unwilling
Noli equi dentes inspicere donati - Do not look a gift horse in the mouth. (St. Jerome)
Noli me tangere! - Don't touch me! (Versio Vulgata)
Noli me voca, ego te vocabo - Don't call me. I'll call you
Noli nothis permittere te terere - Don't let the bastards get you down
Noli simul flare sobereque - Don't whistle and drink at the same time
Noli turbare circulos meos! - Don't upset my calculations! (Archimedes)
Nolite id cogere, cape malleum majorem - Don't force it, get a bigger hammer

Nolle prosequi - Do not pursue
Nolo contendere - I do not wish to contend
Nomen est omen - The name is the sign
Nomina stultorum parietibus haerent - The names of foolish persons adhere to walls (Fools names and fools faces are often seen in public places.)
Nominatim - By name
Non bis in idem - Not twice for the same thing
Non calor sed umor est qui nobis incommodat - It's not the heat, it's the humidity
Non compos mentis - Not in possession of one's senses
Non curo. Si metrum non habet, non est poema - I don't care. If it doesn't rhyme, it isn't a poem
Non erravi perniciose! - I did not commit a fatal error!
Non est ad astra mollis e terris via - There is no easy way from the earth to the stars. (Seneca)
Non est ei similis - There is no one like him
Non est mea culpa - It's not my fault
Non est vivere sed valere vita est - Life is not being alive but being well (life is more than just being alive)
Non Gradus Anus Rodentum! - Not Worth A Rats Ass!
Non ignara mals, miseris svccvrrere disco - No stranger to misfortune [myself] I learn to relieve the sufferings [of others]
Non illigitamus carborundum - Don't let the bastards grind you down
Non licet - It is not allowed
Non liquet - It is not clear
Non mihi, non tibi, sed nobis - Not for you, not for me, but for us - the foundation of a good relationship
Non mortem timemus, sed cogitationem mortis - We do not fear death, but the thought of death. (Seneca)
Non multa, sed multum - Not many, but much. (Meaning, not quantity but quality) (Plinius)
Non nobis, Domine - Not unto us, O Lord
Non omne quod licet honestum est - Not everything that is permitted is honest. (Corpus Iuris Civilis)
Non omne quod nitet aurum est - Not all that glitters is gold
Non omnes qui habent citharam sunt citharoedi - Not all those who own a musical instrument are musicians. (Bacon)
Non omnia moriar - Not all of me will die. (Horace)
Non omnia possumus omnes - Not all of us are able to do all things (We can't all do everything.) (Virgil)
Non omnis moriar - Not all of me will die. (his works would live forever) (Horace)
Non placet - It does not please
Non plaudite. Modo pecuniam jacite - Don't applaud. Just throw money
Non plus ultra! (Nec plus ultra!) - Nothing above that!
Non prosequitur - He does not proceed
Non quis, sed quid - Not who, but what
Non rape me si placet - Please don't rob me
Non scholae sed vitae discimus - We do not learn for school, but for life. (Seneca)
Non semper erit aestas - It will not always be summer (be prepared for hard times)
Non sequitur - It does not follow
Non serviam - I will not serve
Non sibi sed suis - Not for one's self but for one's people
Non sibi, sed patriae - Not for you, but for the fatherland
Non sum pisces - I am not a fish
Non sum qualis eram - I am not what / of what sort I was (I'm not what I used to be.)
Non teneas aurum totum quod splendet ut aurum - Do not take as gold everything that shines like gold
Non timetis messor - Don't Fear the Reaper
Non uno die roma aedificata est - Rome was not built in one day (either)
Non ut edam vivo, sed vivam edo - I do not live to eat, but eat to live. (Quintilianus)
Non vereor ne illam me amare hic potuerit resciscere; quippe haud etiam quicquam inepte feci - I don't think anyone knows I love the girl; I haven't done anything really silly yet

Non, mihi ignosce, credo me insequentem esse - No, excuse me, I believe I'm next
Nonne amicus certus in re incerta cernitur? - A friend in need is a friend in deed. (our equivalent)
Nonne de novo eboraco venis? - You're from New York, aren't you?
Nonne macescis? - Have you lost weight?
Nosce te ipsum - Know thyself. (Inscription at the temple of Apollo in Delphi.)
Nota bene (nb.) - Note well. Observe carefully
Novus homo - A new Man; a man who was the first in his family to be elected to an office
Novus ordo saeculorum - A new order of ages
Novus ordo seclorum - A new order for the ages. (appears on the U.S. one-dollar bill)
Nulla avaritia sine poena est - There is no avarice without penalty. (Seneca)
Nulla dies sine linea - Not a day without a line. Do something every day! (Apeles, Greek painter)
Nulla regula sine exceptione - There is no rule/law without exception
Nulla res carius constat quam quae precibus emptata est - Nothing is so expensive as that which you have bought with pleas. (Seneca)
Nulla vit melior quam bona - There's no life better than a good life
Nulli expugnabilis hosti - Conquered By No Enemy. (motto of Gibraltar)
Nulli secundus - Second to none
Nullius in verba - (Rely) on the words on no one. (Horace)
Nullo metro compositum est - It doesn't rhyme
Nullum crimen sine lege, nulla poena sine lege - No crime and no punishment without a (pre-existing) law
Nullum est iam dictum quod non dictum sit prius - Nothing is said that hasn't been said before. (Terence)
Nullum gratuitum prandium - There is no free lunch!
Nullum magnum ingenium sine mixtura dementiae - There is no one great ability without a mixture of madness
Nullum saeculum magnis ingeniis clausum est - No generation is closed to great talents. (Seneca)
Nullus est instar domus - There is no place like home
Nullus est liber tam malus ut non aliqua parte prosit - There is no book so bad that it is not profitable on some part. (Pliny the Younger)
Numen - Divine power
Numero pondere et mensura Deus omnia condidit - God created everything by number, weight and measure. (Isaac Newton)
Numerus clausus - A restricted number
Nummus americanus - Greenback. (\$US)
Numquam aliud natura, aliud sapientia dicit - Never does nature say one thing and wisdom say another
Numquam non paratus - Never unprepared
Numquam se minus solum quam cum solus esset - You are never so little alone as when you are alone. (Cicero)
Nunc dimittis - Now let depart
Nunc est bibendum - Now we must drink. (Horace)
Nudum pactum - A nude pact an invalid agreement a contract with illusory benefits or without consideration hence unenforceable
Nullum quod tetigit non ornavit - He touched none he did not adorn - not simply 'the Midas touch', or 'he left things better than he found them', but a tribute to a Renaissance man
Nunc aut nunquam - Now or never
Nunc dimittis - Now let [thy servant] depart - generally any permission to go, specifically to express one's readiness to depart or die
Nunc pro tunc - Now for then retroactive

O curas hominum! O quantum est in rebus inane! - Ah, human cares! Ah, how much futility in the world!

(Lucilius)

O di immortales! - Good heavens! (uttered by Cicero on the Senate floor)

O diem praeclarum! - Oh, what a beautiful day!

O praeclarum custodem ovium lupum! - An excellent protector of sheep, the wolf! (Cicero)

O quam cito transit gloria mundi! - O how quickly passes the glory of the world!

O sancta simplicitas! - Oh, holy simplicity! (Jan Hus)

O tempora, O mores! - Oh, the times! Oh, the morals! (Cicero)

O! Plus! Perge! Aio! Hui! Hem! - Oh! More! Go on! Yes! Ooh! Ummm!

Obesa cantavit - The fat lady has sung

Obiit (ob.) - He/she died

Obiter (ob.) - In passing

Obiter dictum - Something said in passing - parenthetical remark

Oblitus sum perpolire clepsydras! - I forgot to polish the clocks!

Obscurum per obscurius - The obscure by means of the more obscure

Obsta principiis - Resist the beginnings - Nip it in the bud

Occasio aegre offertur, facile amittitur - Opportunity is offered with difficulty, lost with ease. (Publius Syrus)

Occasio facit furem - Opportunity makes a thief

Oderint dum metuant - Let them hate provided that they fear. (Seneca)

Odi et amo - I hate (her), and I love (her) (Catullus)

Odium theologicum - Theological hatred. (a special name for the hatred generated in theological disputes)

Olevm addere camino - To pour fuel on the stove adding gasoline to a fire

Olevm perdisti - You have lost oil you've wasted your time on this criticism for a misallocation of resources

Olim habeas eorum pecuniam, numquam eam reddis: prima regula quaesitus - Once you have their money, you never give it back: the 1st rule of acquisition

Olim - Formerly

Omne ignotum pro magnifico est - We have great notions of everything unknown. (Tacitus)

Omne initium est difficile - Every beginning is difficult

Omne trium perfectum - Everything that comes in threes is perfect

Omne tvlit pvnctvm qvi miscvit vtile dvlcis - [he] has gained every point who has combined [the] useful [with the] agreeable

Omnes aequo animo parent ubi digni imperant - All men cheerfully obey where worthy men rule. (Syrus)

Omnes deteriores svms licentia - Too much freedom debases us

Omnes lagani pistrinae gelate male sapiunt - All frozen pizzas taste lousy

Omnes una manet nox - The same night awaits us all. (Horace)

Omnes vulnerant, ultima necat - All (hours) wound, the last kills. (inscription on solar clocks)

Omnia iam fient quae posse negabam - Everything which I used to say could not happen will happen now. (Ovid)

Omnia mea mecum porto - All that is mine, I carry with me. (My wisdom is my greatest wealth) (Cicero)

Omnia mihi lingua graeca sunt - It's all Greek to me

Omnia mors aequat - Death equals all things

Omnia munda mundis - Everything is pure to pure ones

Omnia mutantur nos et mutamur in illis - All things change, and we change with them

Omnia mutantur, nihil interit - Everything changes, nothing perishes. (Ovid)

Omnia mutantur, nos et mutamur in illis - All things are changing, and we are changing with them

Omnia vincit amor - Love conquers all

Omnia vincit amor; et nos cedamus amori - Love conquers all things; let us too surrender to love. (Vergil)

Omnium gatherum - Assortment

Omnium rerum principia parva sunt - Everything has a small beginning. (Cicero)

Onus probandi - The burden of proof

Opere citato (op. cit.) - In the work just quoted

Optimis parentibus - To my excellent parents. A common dedication in a book

Optimus magister, bonus liber - The best teacher is a good book

Opus Dei - The work of God
 Ora et labora - Pray and work. (St. Benedict)
 Ora pro nobis - Pray for us
 Oratvr fit, poeta nascitvr - An orator is made [but] a poet is born
 Orbes volantes exstare - Flying saucers are real
 Orbiter dictum/dicta - Said by the way (miscellaneous remarks)
 Orcae ita - Pretty straightforward
 Ore rotundo - With full voice
 Osculare pultem meam! - Kiss my grits!

P

Pace tua - With your consent
 Pace - By leave of
 Pacta sunt servanda - Agreements are to be kept. (Cicero)
 Pactum serva - Keep the faith
 Pallida mors - Pale Death. (Horace)
 Palmam qui meruit ferat - Let him who has earned it bear the reward
 Panem et circenses - Bread and circuses. Food and games to keep people happy. (Juvenalis)
 Par pare refero - I return like for like tit for tat retaliation
 Parens patriae - Parent of the country
 Pares cvm paribvs - Like persons with like persons. Birds of a feather flock together
 Pari passu - With equal pace - moving together
 Pars maior lacrimas ridet et intus habet - You smile at your tears but have them in your heart. (Martialis)
 Particeps criminis - Partner in crime
 Parturient montes, nascetur ridiculus mus - Mountains will be in labour, and an absurd mouse will be born. (all that work and nothing to show for it)
 Parva leves capiunt animas - Small things occupy light minds (small things amuse small minds)
 Parva scintilla saepe magnam flamam excitat - The small sparkle often initiates a large flame
 Passim - All through
 Pater familias - Father of the family
 Pater historiae - The father of history
 Pater Noster - Our Father (The first words of the Lord's Prayer in Latin)
 Pater patriae - Father of the country
 Patria est communis omnium parens - Our native land is the common parent of us all. (Cicero)
 Patris est filius - He is his father's son
 Paucis verbis, quid est deconstructionismus? - What, in a nutshell, is deconstructionism?
 Paucis verbis - In a few words
 Pavesco, pavesco - I'm shaking, I'm shaking
 Pavpertas omnivm artivm repertrix - Poverty [is the] inventor of all the arts necessity is the mother of invention
 Pax et bonum! - Peace and salvation!
 Pax tecum - May peace be with you (Singular)
 Pax vobiscum - May peace be with you (Plural)
 Pax - Peace
 Peccatum taciturnitatis - Sin of silence
 Peccavi - I have sinned
 Peculium - Property
 Pecunia in arbotis non crescit - Money does not grow on trees
 Pecunia non olet - Money has no smell. Money doesn't stink. (don't look a gift horse in the mouth) (Vespasianus)

Pecuniae obediunt omnia - All things obey money. Money makes the world go round
Pede poena claudo - Punishment comes limping. Retribution comes slowly, but surely. (Horace)
Pendente lite - While a suit is pending
Penetralia mentis - The innermost recesses of the mind. Heart of hearts
Per accidens - By Accident
Per angusta in augusta - Through difficulties to great things
Per annum (p.a.) - Yearly
Per ardua ad astra - Through difficulties to the stars
Per aspera ad astra - Through the thorns to the stars
Per capita - Per head
Per cent (per centum) - Per hundred
Per contra - On the contrary
Per diem - Per day; daily allowance
Per fas et nefas - Through right or wrong
Per impossibile - As is impossible a way to qualify a proposition that cannot ever be true
Per mensem - Monthly
Per procurationem (per pro) - By delegation to
Per se - By or in itself
Per varios usus artem experientia fecit - Through different exercises practice has brought skill. (Manilius)
Perfer et obdura; dolor hic tibi proderit olim - Be patient and tough; some day this pain will be useful to you. (Ovid)
Periculum in mora - There is danger in delay. (Livy)
Perpetuo vincit qui utitur clementia - He is forever victor who employs clemency. (Syrus)
Perpetuum mobile - Perpetual motion
Perscriptio in manibus tabellariorum est - The check is in the mail
Persona (non) grata - (un)welcome person
Pessimus genus inimicorum laudantes - Flatterers are the worst type of enemies
Pessimus inimicorum genus, laudantes - The worst kind of enemies, those who can praise. (Tacitus)
Petitio principii - An assumption at the start
Philosophum non facit barba! - The beard does not define a philosopher. (Plutarch)
Pictor ignotus - Painter unknown
Pinxit - He/she painted it
Pistrix! Pistrix! - Shark! Shark!
Placebo - I will please. Medical expression for remedies with no medical effect, which improve one's medical condition only because one believes they do
Placet - It pleases
Pleno iure - With full authority
Pluralitas non est ponenda sine neccesitate - Entities should not be multiplied unnecessarily
Plusque minusque - More or less
Plures crapula quam gladius - Drunkenness [kills] more than the sword. As true today on the road as it ever was
Poeta nascitur, non fit - The poet is born, not made
Poli, poli, di umbuendo - Slowly, Slowly we will get there
Pone ubi sol non lucet! - Put it where the sun don't shine!
Posse (posse comitatus) - The power of the country
Possunt quia posse videntur - They can because they think they can
Post bellum - After the war
Post coitem - After sexual intercourse
Post factum - After the fact
Post hoc ergo propter hoc - After this, therefore because of this
Post hoc - After this
Post meridiem (p.m.) - After midday
Post mortem - After death. (nowadays, the autopsy performed by a coroner)

Post obitum - *After death*
Post partum - *After childbirth*
Post proelia praemia - *After the battles come the rewards*
Post scriptum (ps) - *After what has been written*
Post tenebras lux - *After the darkness, light*
Postatem obscuri lateris nescitis - *You do not know the power of the dark side*
Potes currere sed te occulere non potes - *You can run, but you can't hide*
Potest ex casa magnus vir exire - *A great man can come from a hut. (Seneca)*
Potestatem obscuri lateris nescis - *You don't know the power of the dark side. (Star Wars)*
Potius mori quam foedari - *Rather to die than to be dishonoured (death before dishonour)*
Potius sero quam numquam - *It's better late than never. (Livy)*
Praemonitus, pramunitus - *Forewarned, forearmed*
Praetio prudentia praestat - *Prudence supplies a reward*
Prehende uxorem meam, sis! - *Take my wife, please!*
Prescriptio in manibus tabellariorum est - *The check is in the mail*
Pretium iustum est - *The Price is Right*
Prima facie - *At first sight; on the face of it. (in law, an obvious case that requires no further proof)*
Primum mobile - *Prime mover*
Primum non nocere - *The first thing is to do no harm. (Hippocratic oath)*
Primum viveri deinde philosophari - *Live before you philosophize, or Leap before you look*
Primus inter pares - *First among equals*
Principiis obsta - *Resist the beginnings*
Pro bono (pro bono publico) - *For the good of the public*
Pro di immortales! - *Good Heavens!*
Pro et contra - *For and against*
Pro forma - *As a matter of formality*
Pro hac vice - *For this occasion*
Pro memoria - *For a memorial*
Pro nunc - *For now*
Pro opportunitate - *As circumstances allow*
Pro patria - *For one's country*
Pro rata - *In proportion to the value. (per hour for example)*
Pro re nata (prn) - *For an occasion as it arises*
Pro se - *On one's own behalf*
Pro tanto - *So far*
Pro tempore (pro tem.) - *For the time being*
Probae esti in segetem sunt deteriores datae fruges, tamen ipsae suavia enitent - *A good seed, planted even in poor soil, will bear rich fruit by its own nature. (Accius)*
Probatum est - *It has been proved*
Probitas laudatur et alget - *Honesty is praised and left in the cold. (Juvenal)*
Promotor fidei - *Promoter of the faith*
Promoveatur ut amoveatur - *Let him be promoted to get him out of the way*
Propino tibi salutem! - *Cheers!*
Proprium humani ingenii est odire quem laeseris - *It is human nature to hate a person whom you have injured*
Proxime accessit - *He/she came close*
Proximo (prox.) - *Of the next month*
Proximus sum egomet mihi - *I am closest to myself. (Charity begins at home.) (Terence)*
Pueri pueri, pueri puerilia tractant - *Children are children, (therefore) children do childish things*
Pulvis et umbra sumus - *We are dust and shadow. (Horace)*
Purgamentum init, exit purgamentum - *Garbage in, garbage out*
Puris omnia pura - *To the pure all things are pure*
Puri sermonis amator - *A lover of pure speech. (Terence)*



Qua - In so far as

Quad nesciunt eos non interficiet - What they don't know won't kill them

Quandoquidem inter nos sanctissima divitiarum maiestas, esti funesta pecunia templo nondum habitas - Among us, the god most revered is Wealth, but so far it has no temple of its own

Quae nocent, saepe docent - What hurts, often instructs. One learns by bitter/adverse experience

Quae vide (qqv) - See these things

Quaere verum - Seek the truth

Quaere - (You might) ask. Used to introduce questions, usually rhetorical or tangential questions

Qualem blennum! - What a doofus!

Qualem muleirculam! - What a bimbo!

Qualis pater talis filius - As is the father, so is the son; like father, like son

Quam bene vivas refert, non quam diu - The important thing isn't how long you live, but how well you live. (Seneca)

Quam se ipse amans-sine rivali! - Himself loving himself so much-without a rival! (Cicero)

Quam terribilis est haec hora - How fearful is this hour

Quandam - Formally

Quando omni flunkus moritatus - When all else fails play dead

Quantum materiae materietur marmota monax si marmota monax materiam possit materiari? - How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

Quantum meruit - As much as he/she deserved

Quantum sufficit (qs) - As much as suffices

Quaque mane (qm) - Every morning

Quaque nocte (qn) - Every night

Quasi - As if

Quater in die (Q.I.D) - Take four times a day

Quem di diligunt, adolescens moritur - Whom the gods love die young. (only the good die young)

Quemadmodum possums scire utrum vere simus an solum sentiamus nos esse? - How are we to know whether we actually exist or only think we exist?

Quemadmoeum gladis nemeinum occidit, occidentis telum est - A sword is never a killer, it's a tool in the killer's hands. (Seneca)

Qui bene cantat, bis orat - He who sings well, prays twice

Qui bono? - Who benefits?

Qui dedit beneficium taceat; narret qui accepit - Let him who has done a good deed be silent; let him who has received it tell it. (Seneca)

Qui desiderat pacem, praeparet bellum - Let him who wishes for peace prepare for war. (Vegetius)

Qui docet discit - He who teaches learns

Qui dormit, non peccat - One who sleeps doesn't sin

Qui habet aures audiendi audiat - He who has ears, let him understand how to listen

Qui ignorabat, ignorabitur - One who is ignorant will remain unnoticed

Qui me amat, amet et canem meum - Love me, love my dog

Qui multum habet, plus cupit - He who has much desires more. (Seneca)

Qui nimium probat, nihil probat - One who proves too much, proves nothing

Qui non est hodie cras minus aptus erit - He who is not prepared today will be less so tomorrow. (Ovid)

Qui omnes insidias timet in nullas incidit - He who fears every ambush falls into none. (Pubilius Syrus)

Qui potest capere capiat - Let him accept it who can. Freely: If the shoe fits, wear it

Qui pro innocente dicit, satis est eloquens - He who speaks for the innocent is eloquent enough. (Publius Syrus)

Qui scribit bis legit - He who writes reads twice

Qui tacet consentire videtur - He that is silent is thought to consent

Qui tacet consentit - Silence gives consent

Qui vir odiosus! - What a bore!

Qui vivat atque floreat ad plurimos annos - May he live and flourish for many years

Qui vult dare parva non debet magna rogare - He who wishes to give little shouldn't ask for much

Quia natura mutari non potest idcirco verae amicitiae sempiternae sunt - Since nature cannot change, true friendships are eternal. (Horace)

Quid agis, medice? - What's up, Doc?

Quid est illa in aqua? - What's that in the water?

Quid Novi - What's New?

Quid nunc - What now?! (a nosy busybody)

Quid pro quo - Something for something. i.e. A favor for a favor

Quid quid latine dictum sit, altum videtur - Anything said in Latin sounds profound

Quid rides? Mutato nomine de te fabula narratur - What are you laughing at? Just change the name and the joke's on you. (Horace)

Quidnunc? Or Quid nunc? - What now? As a noun, a quidnunc is a busybody or a gossip

Quidquid agis, prudenter agas et respice finem! - Whatever you do, do cautiously, and look to the end

Quidquid id est, timeo Danaos et dona ferentes - Whatever it is, I fear the Greeks, even bearing gifts. (Vergil)

Quidquid latine dictum sit, altum videtur - Anything said in Latin sounds profound

Quidvis Recte Factum Quamvis Humile Praeclarum - Whatever is rightly done, however humble, is noble

Quieta non movere - Don't move settled things, or Don't rock the boat

Quinon proficit deficit - He who does not advance, go backwards

Quique amavit, cras amet - May he love tomorrow who has never loved before;

Quis custodiet ipsos custodes - Who shall keep watch over the guardians? (Juvenalis) Don't assign a fox to guard the henhouse

Quis separabit? - Who shall separate us?

Quis, quid, ubi, quibus auxiliis, cur, quomodo, quando? - Who, what, where, with what, why, how, when?

Quisque comoedum est - Everybody is a comedian

Quo ad hoc - As much as this (to this extent)

Quo animo? - With what spirit? (or intent?)

Quo fas et gloria docunt - Where right and glory lead

Quo iure? - By what law?

Quo signo nata es? - What's your sign?

Quo usque tandem abutere, catilina, patientia nostra? - How long will you abuse our patience, Catiline? (Cicero)

Quo vadis? - Where are you going? / Whither goest thou?

Quod bonum, felix faustumque sit! - May it be good, fortunate and prosperous! (Cicero)

Quod differtur, non aufertur - That which is postponed is not dropped. Inevitable is yet to happen. (Sir Thomas More)

Quod erat demonstrandum (QED) - Which was to be demonstrated

Quod erat faciendum (QEF) - Which was to be done

Quod erat in veniendum - Which was to be found

Quod est (qe) - Which is

Quod foetet? - What's that bad smell?

Quod incepimus conficiemus - What we have begun we shall finish

Quod licet Iovi non licet bovi - What Jupiter (supreme God) is allowed to do, cattle (people) are not

Quod minimum specimen in te ingenii? - What microscopic evidence of wit can be found in you?

Quod natura non sunt turpia - What is natural cannot be bad

Quod vide (qv) - See this thing

Quomodo cogis comas tuas sic videri? - How do you get your hair to do that?

Quomodo vales - How are you?

Quorum - Of whom

Latin Quotes, Latin Phrases, Latin Mottos and Latin Quotations

Quos amor verus tenuit, tenebit - True love will hold on to those whom it has held. (Seneca)

Quot homines, tot sententiae - As many men, so as many opinions

Qvae nocent docent - Things that hurt, teach. School of Hard Knocks

Qvaerenda pecunia primum est, virtus post numerus - Money is the first thing to be sought [then] virtue after wealth

Qvalis artifex pereor - Such an artist dies in me - Emperor Nero's famous last words

Qvalis pater talis filius - Like father like son. The apple doesn't fall too far from the tree

Quandoque bonus dormitat Homerus - Sometimes [even the] good Homer sleeps. You win some, you lose some

Qui bene amat bene castigat - Who loves well castigates well. Spare the rod and spoil the child

Qui desiderat pacem praeparat bellum - Who desires peace [should] prepare [for] war

Qui docent discit - He who teaches, learns. (George Bernard Shaw)

Qui fugiebat rursus proeliabitur - He who has fled will do battle once more. He who fights and runs away may live to fight another day

Qui me amat, amat et canem meum - Who loves me loves my dog as well. Love me love my dog

Qui nescit dissimulare nescit regnare - He who doesn't know how to lie doesn't know how to rule

Quid novi? - What's new? 'What's up?'

Quod cibus est aliis, aliis est venenum - What is food to some is poison to others. One man's meat is another poison

Quod cito acquiritur cito perit - [that] which is quickly acquired [is] quickly lost. Easy come, easy go

Quod erat demonstrandum - [that] which has been demonstrated - a statement of logical proof, especially in mathematics and law, abbreviated Q.E.D

Quod vive (q.v) - Which see - a scholarly cross-reference

R

Radicitus, comes! - Really rad, dude!

Radix lecti - Couch potato

Radix omnium malorum est cupiditas - The love of money is the root of all evil. Avarice is the problem, money itself is not evil

Raptus regaliter - Royally screwed

Rara avis - A rare bird, i.e. An extraordinary or unusual thing. (Juvenal)

Ratio decidendi - The reason for the decision

Ratio et consilium propriae ducis artes - Reason and deliberation are the proper skills of a general

Ratio legis est anima legis - The reason of the law is the soul of the law

Re vera, cara mea, mea nil refert - Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn

Re vera, potas bene - Say, you sure are drinking a lot

Re - Concerning

Recedite, plebes! Gero rem imperialem! - Stand aside plebians! I am on imperial business!

Recto - On the right

Redde Caesari quae sunt Caesaris - Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's

Redivivus - Come back to life

Redolet lvcernam - [it] smells of the lamp - critical remark that one worked too hard on something

Reductio ad absurdum - Reduction to the absurd. (proving the truth of a proposition by proving the falsity of all its alternatives)

Referendum - Something to be referred

Regina - Queen

Regnat non regitur qui nihil nisi quod vult facit - He is a king and not a subject who does only what he wishes. (Syrus)

Regnat populus - Let the People rule

Relata refero - I tell what I have been told. (Herodotos)

Religious loci - The (religious) spirit of the place

Rem tene, verba sequentur - Keep to the subject and the words will follow. (Cato Senior)

Repetitio est mater memoriae/ studiorum/ - Repetition is the mother of memory/studies

Requiescat in pace (RIP) - May he/she rest in peace

Rerum concordia discors - The concord of things through discord. (Horace)

Res firma mitescere nescit - A firm resolve does not know how to weaken

Res gestae - Things done

Res in cardine est - The matter is on a door hinge things are balanced on a knife's edge

Res inter alios - A matter between others it's not our business

Res ipsa loquitur - The thing speaks for itself

Res iudicata - Thing already judged upon

Res melius evinissent cum coca - Things go better with Coke

Res publica - The public thing

Res severa est verum gaudium - True joy is a serious thing. (Seneca)

Res tantum valet quantum vendi potest - A thing is worth only what someone else will pay for it

Respice finem - Look to the end

Respice post te, mortalem te esse memento - Look around you, remember that you are mortal. (Tertullianus)

Respice, adspice, prospice - Examine the past, examine the present, examine the future (look to the past, the present, the future)

Respondeat superior - Let the superior answer (a supervisor must take responsibility for the quality of a subordinate's work)

Resurgam - I shall rise again

Revelare pecunia! - Show me the money!

Revera linguam latinam vix cognovi - I don't really know all that much Latin

Rex non potest peccare - The king cannot sin
Rex regnant sed non gubernat - The king reigns but does not govern
Rex - King
Rident stolidi verba latina - Fools laugh at the Latin language. (Ovid)
Ridentem dicere verum quid vetat? - What forbids a laughing man from telling the truth? (Horace)
Rigor mortis - The rigidity of death
Risu inepto res ineptior nulla est - There is nothing more foolish than a foolish laugh. (Catullus)
Risus abundat in ore stultorum - Abundant laughs in the mouth of the foolish - too much hilarity means foolishness
Roma locuta est. Causa finita est - Rome has spoken. The cause is finished
Romani ite domum - Romans go home!
Romani quidem artem amatoriam invenerunt - You know, the Romans invented the art of love
Rosa rubicundior, lilio candidior, omnibus formosior, semper in te glorior - Redder than the rose, whiter than the lilies, fairer than everything, I will always glory in thee
Rumores volant. / Rumor volat - Rumors fly. / Rumor flies

S

Saepe creat molles aspera spina rosas - Often the prickly thorn produces tender roses. (Ovid)
Saepe ne utile quidem est scire quid futurum sit - Often it is not even advantageous to know what will be. (Cicero)
Saepe stilum vertas - May you often turn the stylus (You should make frequent corrections.)
Salus populi suprema lex - The safety of the people is the supreme law. (Cicero)
Salva veritate - With truth preserved
Salve (plural salvete) - Hail; welcome
Salve sis - May you be well
Salve veritate - Saving the truth
Salve(te) - Greetings!
Salve - Hello
Sanctum sanctorum - The holy of holies
Sane ego te vocavi. forsitan capedictum tuum desit - I did call. Maybe your answering machine is broken
Sapere aude! - Dare to be wise! (Horace)
Sapiens nihil affirmat quod non probat - A wise man states as true nothing he does not prove (don't swear to anything you don't know firsthand)
Sartor resartus - The tailor patched
Sat sapienti - Enough for a wise man. (Plautus)
Satis - Enough
Satius est impunitum relinqui facinus nocentis, quam innocentem damnari - It is better that a crime is left unpunished than that an innocent man is punished. (Corpus Iuris Civilis)
Scala Caeli - The ladder of heaven
Scala naturae - The ladder of nature
Scandalum magnatum - Scandal of magnates
Schola cantorum - School of singers
Scientia est potentia - Knowledge is power
Scientia non habet inimicum nisp ignorantem - Science has no enemies but the ignorants
Scilicet (sc.) - That is to say
Scio cur summae inter se dissentiant! Numeris Romanis utor! - I know why the numbers don't agree! I use Roman numerals!
Scio me nihil scire - I know that I know nothing. Certain knowledge cannot be obtained. (Socrates)
Scire tuum nihil est, nisi te scire hoc sciat alter - Your knowledge is nothing when no one else knows that you know it

Sciri facias - Cause (him) to know
Scito te ipsum - Know yourself
Scribere est agere - To write is to act
Scripsit - He/she wrote it
Sculpsit - He/she engraved it
Sed quis custodiet ipsos custodes? - Who watches the watchmen? (Juvenal)
Sedit qui timuit ne non succederet - He who feared he would not succeed sat still. (For fear of failure, he did nothing.) (Horace)
Semper fidelis - Always faithful
Semper idem - Always the same thing. (Cicero)
Semper inops quicumque cupit - Whoever desires is always poor. (Claudian)
Semper letteris mandate - Always get it in writing!
Semper paratus - Always prepared
Semper superne nitens - Always striving upwards
Semper ubi sub ubi ubique - Always wear underwear everywhere
Senatus Populusque Romanus (SPQR) - The Senate and the Roman people
Sensu lato - Broadly speaking
Sensu stricto - Strictly speaking
Sensu stricto, nullo metro compositum est - Strictly speaking, it doesn't rhyme
Sentio aliquos togatos contra me conspirare - I think some people in togas are plotting against me
Sequens (seq.) - The following (one)
Sequens mirabitur aetas - The following age will be amazed
Sequentia (seqq.) - The following (ones)
Seriatim - One after another in order
Serva me, servabo te - Save me and I will save you. (Petronius Arbiter)
Si Deus pro nobis quis contra nos - If God is with us who is against us
Si fallatis officium, quaestor infitias eat se quicquam scire de factis vestris - If you fail, the secretary will disavow all knowledge of your activities
Si fecisti nega! - If you did it, deny it (stonewall!)
Si finis bonus est, totum bonum erit - If the end is good, everything will be good (all's well that ends well)
Si fractum non sit, noli id reficere - If it ain't broke, don't fix it
Si hoc legere scis nimium eruditionis habes - Essentially it says, 'if you can read this, you're overeducated.'
Si hoc non legere potes tu asinus es - If you can't read this, you're an ass
Si minor plus est ergo nihil sunt omnia - If less is more, then nothing is everything
Si monumentum requiris circumspice - If you seek a monument, look around
Si post fata venit gloria non propero - If glory comes after death, I'm not in a hurry (if one must die to be recognised, I can wait)
Si sapis, sis apis - If you are wise, be a bee
Si tacuisses, philosophus manisses - If you had kept quiet, you would have remained a philosopher. (Boethius)
Si tu id aeficas, ei venient. Ager somnia - If you build it, they will come
Si vis amari, ama - If you wish to be loved, love. (Seneca)
Si vis pacem, para bellum - If you want peace, prepare for the war. (Vegetius)
Sic ad nauseam - And so on to the point of causing nausea
Sic erat in fatis - So it was fated
Sic faciunt omnes - Everyone is doing it
Sic friatur crustum dulce - That's the way the cookie crumbles
Sic itur ad astra - Such is the path to the stars (i.e. Gain reputation) (Vergil)
Sic passim - Thus everywhere
Sic semper tyrannis - Thus always to tyrants - a statement often accompanying a regicide
Sic transit gloria mundi - So passes the glory of the world
Sic volo, sic iubeo - I want this, I order this. (Juvenalis)
Sic - Thus, just so

Silent enim leges inter arma - Laws are silent in times of war. (Cicero)
Simia quam similis, turpissimus bestia, nobis! - How like us is that very ugly beast the monkey. (Cicero)
Simplex munditiis - Unaffected by manners. (Horace)
Simpliciter - Naturally; without qualification
Sine cura - Without a care
Sine die - Without a day (indefinitely)
Sine ira et studio - Without anger or bias. (Tacitus)
Sine loco (sl) - Without place
Sine nobilitatis - Without nobility (SNOB)
Sine prole (sp) - Without issue
Sine qua non - Something/someone indispensable
Sine sole sileo - Without the sun I'm silent. (sundial inscription)
Siste, viator - Wait, traveler - inscription on Roman tombstones
Sit tibi terra levis - May the earth be light upon you - tombstone inscription
Sit vis vobiscum - May the Force be with you. (Star Wars)
Sobria inebrietas - Sober intoxication
Sol omnibus lucet - The sun shines upon us all. (Petronius)
Sola lingua bona est lingua mortua - The only good language is a dead language
Solitudinem fecerunt, pacem appelunt - They made a desert and called it peace. (Tacitus)
Solum potestis prohibere ignes silvarum - Only you are can prevent forest fires
Sona si latine loqueris - Honk if you speak Latin
Sotto voce - In soft voice
Spectaculorum procedere debet - The show must go on
Spectatvm venivnt, venivnt spectentvr vt ipsae - They come to see, they come that they themselves be seen 'to see and be seen
Spemque metumque inter dubiis - Hover between hope and fear. (Vergil)
Spero melior - I hope for better things
Spero nos familiares mansuros - I hope we'll still be friends
Spiritus asper - Rough breathing
Spiritus lenis - Smooth breathing
Splendide mendax - Splendidly false. (Horace)
Splendor sine occasu - Splendour without end
Stabat Mater - The mother was standing
Stare decisis - To stand by things decided
Status quo - The current state of being
Stercus accidit - Shit happens
Stet - Let it stand
Struit insidias lacrimis cum femina plorat - When a woman weeps, she is setting traps with her tears. (Dionysius Cato)
Studium discendi voluntate quae cogi non potest constat - Study depends on the good will of the student, a quality which cannot be secured by compulsion
Stultior stulto fuisti, qui tabellis crederes! - Idiot of idiots, to trust what is written!
Stultorum calami carbones moenia chartae - Chalk is the pen of fools, walls (their) paper No Graffiti please. Showing that graffiti is nothing new
Stultorum infinitus est numerus - Infinite is the number of fools. (Bible)
Stultum est timere quod vitare non potes - It is foolish to fear that which you cannot avoid. (Publilius Syrus)
Stultus est sicut stultus facit - Stupid is as stupid does
Sua cuique voluptas - Everyone has his own pleasures
Sub dio - Under the open sky
Sub iudice - Under a judge
Sub judice - Before a court
Sub lite - In dispute

Sub poena - Under penalty of law
Sub rosa - Under the rose. Secretly or in confidence
Sub secreto - In secret
Sub silentio - In silence
Sub sole nihil novi est - There's nothing new under the sun
Sub voce (sv) - Under the voice
Subucula tua apparet - Your slip is showing
Suggestio falsi - Suggestion of something false
Suggestio veri, suggestio falsi - An intimation of truth, an intimation of falcity
Sui generis - Of his/her/its kind
Sui iuris - Of one's own right
Sum, ergo edo - I am, therefore I eat
Summa cum laude - With highest honor
Summam scrutemur - Let's look at the bottom line
Summum bonum - The highest good
Summum ius, summa iniuria - The extreme law is the greatest injustice. (Cicero)
Sumptus census ne superet - Let not your spending exceed your income (live within your means)
Sunt lacrimae rerum et mentem mortalia tangunt - These are the tears of things, and our mortality cuts to the heart. (Vergil)
Sunt pueri pueri, puerilia tractant - Children are children, (therefore) children do childish things
Suntne vacci laeti - Are your cows happy?
Suo iure - In one's own right
Suo jure - In one's rightful place
Suos cuique mos - Everyone has his customs. (Gellius)
Supra - Above or on an earlier page
Sursum corda - Lift up your hearts (to God)
Suum cuique pulchrum est - To each his own is beautiful. (Cicero)
Svi generis - Of its own kind unique

T

Tabula rasa - A clean slate. Person that knows nothing
Tacet - Silence
Tam diu minime visu! - Long time, no see!
Tam exanimis quam tunica nehru fio - I am as dead as the nehru jacket
Tamdiu discendum est, quamdiu vivas - We should learn as long as we may live. (We live and learn.) (Seneca Philosophus)
Tamquam alter idem - As if a second self. (Cicero)
Tanta stultitia mortalium est - What fools these mortals be
Tantum eruditi sunt liberi - Only the educated are free. (Epictetus)
Tantum religio potuit suadere malorum - So potent was religion in persuading to evil deeds. (Lucretius)
Tarditas et procrastinatio odiosa est - Delay and procrastination is hateful. (Cicero)
Te audire non possum. Musa sapientum fixa est in aure - I can't hear you. I have a banana in my ear
Te capiam, cunicule sceleste! - I'll get you, you wascally wabbit!
Te Deum - Thee, God [we praise]
Te igitur - Thee, therefore
Te nosce - Know thyself
Te precor dulcissime supplex! - Pretty please with a cherry on top!
Tempora mutantur, nos et mutamur in illis - The times change, and we change with them. (John Owen)
Tempore - In the time of
Tempus edax rerum - Time is the devourer of things (time flies)

Tempus fugit, non autem memoria - Time flies, but not memory
Tempus fugit - Time flees
Tempus incognitum - Time unknown
Tempus neminem manet - Time waits for no one
Tempus omnia sed memorias privat - Time deprives all but memories
Ter in die (t.i.d.) - Three times a day
Terminus a quo - The end from which
Terminus ad quem - The end to which
Terra firma - Solid ground
Terra incognita - Unknown land
Terra nullius - Uninhabited land
Tertium quid - A third something
Tetigisti acu - You have hit the nail on the head. (Plautus)
Theatrum mundi - The theatre of the world
Tibi gratias agimus quod nihil fumas - Thank you for not smoking
Timendi causa est nescire - Ignorance is the cause of fear. (Seneca)
Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes - I fear the Greeks, even when they bring gifts. (Virgil)
Timor mortis conturbat me - The fear of death confounds me
Tintinnuntius meus sonat! - There goes my beeper!
Tolerabiles ineptiae - Bearable absurdities
Totidem verbis - In so many words
Totum dependeat! - Let it all hang out!
Trahimur omnes laudis studio - We are all led on by our eagerness for praise. (Cicero)
Transire suum pectus mundoque potiri - To overcome one's human limitations and become master of the universe
Transit umbra, lux permanet - Shadow passes, light remains (On a sun dial)
Tu autem - You, also
Tu fui, ego eris - What you are, I was. What I am, you will be. (This is found on graves and burial sites)
Tu ne cede malis sed contra audentior ito - Yield not to misfortunes, but advance all the more boldly against them
Tu quoque Brute, file mi! - You too Bruto, my son! (Caesar's last words)
Tu quoque - You likewise
Tu stupidus es - You are dumb
Tu, rattus turpis! - You dirty rat!
Tua mater tam antiquior ut linguam latine loquatur - Your mother is so old she speaks Latin
Tua toga suspina est - Your toga is backwards
Tuis pugis pignore! - You bet your bippy!
Tum podem extulit horridulum - You are talking shit

U

Uberrimae fidei - Of the utmost good faith
Ubi amor, ibi oculus - Where love is, there is insight
Ubi bene, ibi patria - Where you feel good, there is your home
Ubi concordia, ibi victoria - Where is the unity, there is the victory. (Publius Syrus)
Ubi dubium ibi libertas - Where there is doubt, there is freedom
Ubi est mea anaticula cumminosa? - Where is my rubber ducky?
Ubi fumus, ibi ignis - Where there's smoke, there's fire
Ubi maior, minor cessat - The weak (minor) capitulates before the strong (major)
Ubi mel ibi apes - Where honey, there bees, i.e., if you want support, you must offer something in return
Ubi revera (Ubi re vera) - When, in reality

Ubi spiritus est cantus est - Where there is spirit there is song
Ubi sunt? - Where are they (the good old days)?
Ubi supra - Where (cited) above
Ubicumque homo est, ibi benefici locus est - Wherever there is a man, there is a place of/for kindness/service
Ubique - Everywhere
Ultima ratio regum - The final argument of kings
Ultima ratio - Ultimate sanction
Ultima Thule - The most distant Thule
Ultimo (ult.) - Of the previous month
Ultimus Romanorum - The last of the Romans
Ultra posse nemo obligatur - No one is obligated beyond what he is able to do
Ultra vires - Beyond the powers or legal authority
Un idea perplexi na - The idea is strange to us
Una hirundo non facit ver - One Swallow does not make Summer. (Horace)
Una salus victis nullam sperare salutem - The one safety for the vanquished is to abandon hope of safety knowing there is no hope can give one the courage to fight and win
Una voce - With one's voice
Unitam logica falsa tuam philosophiam totam suffodiant! - May faulty logic undermine your entire philosophy!
Unitas mirabile vinculum - The wonderful bond of unity
Unum necessarium - The one necessary
Unus multorum - One of many. (Horace)
Urbanus et instructus - A gentleman and a scholar
Urbem lateritiam invenit, marmoream reliquit - He found a city [Rome] of bricks and left a city of marble. (Augustus)
Urbi et orbi - To the city [Rome] and to the globe - a blessing of the pope
Ut ameris, ama! - To be loved, love!
Ut desint vires, tamen est laudanda voluntas - Although the power is lacking, the will is commendable. (Ovid)
Ut dictum (ut dict.) - As directed
Ut humiliter opinor - In my humble opinion
Ut incepit fidelis sic permanet - As loyal as she began, so she remains
Ut infra - As below
Ut sementem feceris, ita metes - As you sow, so shall you reap. (Cicero)
Ut si! - As if!
Ut sit magna, tamen certe lenta ira deorum est - The wrath of the gods may be great, but it certainly is slow
Ut supra (ut sup.) - As above
Uti foro - To play the market
Uti possidetis - As you possess
Uti, non abuti - To use, not abuse
Utile et dulce - Useful and pleasant
Utinam barbari spatium proprium tuum invadant! - May barbarians invade your personal space!
Utinam coniurati te in foro interficiant! - May conspirators assassinate you in the mall!
Utinam populus romanus unam cervicem haberet! - If only the Roman people had one neck!
Uva uvam videndo varia fit - A grape changes color in seeing another grape. A bad/good friend makes you a bad/good person

V

Vacca foeda - Stupid cow
Vacca, vacca, vacca - Cow, cow, cow
Vade in pace - Go in peace. (Roman way of saying goodbye)

Vade mecum - Come with me. A constant companion
Vae victis! - Woe to the conquered! (vanquished) (Livy)
Vagans - Cruising
Vah! Denuone Latine loquebar? Me ineptum. Interdum modo elabitur - Oh! Was I speaking Latin again?
Silly me. Sometimes it just sort of slips out
Vale, lacerte! - See you later, alligator!
Vale - Farewell
Valui ad satanam in computatrum meum invocandum - I succeeded in summoning satan into my computer
Vanitas vanitatum, omnis vanitas - Vanity of vanities, all is vanity
Varia lecto (v.l.) - Variant reading
Variatio delectat - There's nothing like change! (Cicero)
Variorum - Of various people
Velle est posse - To be willing is to be able
Veni vidi duci - I came, I saw, I calculated
Veni, vidi, vici - I came, I saw, I conquered. (Julius Caesar)
Veni, Vidi, Visa - I Came, I Saw, I Shopped
Veni, Vidi, volo in domum redire - I came, I saw, I want to go home
Venienti occurrere morbo - Meet the misfortune as it comes. (Persius)
Venire facias - You must make come
Ventis secundis, tene cursum - Go with the flow
Ventis secundis, tene/tenete cursum - The winds being favorable, hold the course
Verba de futuro - Words about the future
Verba movent, exempla trahunt - Words move people, examples draw/compel them. Deeds, not words, give the example
Verba volant, (littera) scripta manet - Words fly away, the written (letter) remains
Verbatim et litteratim - Word for word and letter for letter
Verbatim - Exactly as said
Verbum sapienti satis est (verb. sap.) - A word to the wise is sufficient. Enough said
Veritas Lux Mea - The truth enlightens me / The truth is my light
Veritas numquam perit - Truth never perishes. (Seneca)
Veritas odit moras - Truth hates delay. (Seneca)
Veritas vincit - Truth conquers
Veritas vos liberabit - The truth will set you free
Verso - Reverse
Versus - Against
Verum et factum convertuntur - The true and the made are interchangeable. One can know with certainty only what he have created himself
Verveces tui similes pro ientaculo mihi appositi sunt - I have jerks like you for breakfast
Vesane poetam qui sapiunt fugiunt - Anyone with a brain flees a versifying poet
Vescere braciis meis - Eat my shorts
Vestigia terrent - The footprints frighten me. (Horace)
Vestis virum reddit - The clothes make the man. (Quintilianus)
Veto - I forbid
Vi et armis - By force and arms
Via Crucis - The Way of the Cross
Via Dolorosa - The Way of Sorrow
Via Lactea - The Milky Way
Via media - A middle way or course
Via - By way of
Vice versa - In reverse order
Vice - In place of
Victis honor - Honour to the vanquished

Victoria Imperatrix Regina (VIR) - *Victoria, Empress and Queen*
Victoria Regina (VR) - *Queen Victoria*
Victoria Regina et Imperatrix (VRI) - *Victoria, Queen and Empress*
Victoria, non praeda - *Victory, not loot*
Victurus te saluto - *He who is about to win salutes you*
Vide et credere - *See and believe*
Vide ut supra - *See the above*
Vide - *See*
Videlicet (viz.) - *That is to say; To wit; Namely*
Video meliora proboque deteriora sequor - *I see the better way and approve it, but I follow the worse way*
Videre est credere - *Seeing is believing*
Videtur quantum scelus contra rem publicam vobis nuntiatur sit? - *How great an evil do you see that may have been announced by you against the Republic? (Cicero)*
Vidistine nuper imagines moventes bonas? - *Seen any good movies lately?*
Vigilando, agendo, bene consulendo, prospera omnia cedunt - *By watching, by doing, by consulting well, these things yield all things prosperous. (Sallust)*
Vincere est totum - *To win is everything*
Vincit omnia amor - *Love conquers all*
Vincit omnia veritas - *Truth conquers all*
Vincit qui se vincit - *He conquers who conquers himself*
Vinculum unitatis - *The bond of unity*
Vinum bellum iucundumque est, sed animo corporeque caret - *It's a nice little wine, but it lacks character and depth*
Vinum et musica laetificant cor - *Wine and music gladden the heart*
Vir bonus, dicendi peritus - *A good man, skilled in speaking. (definition of an orator) (Cato the Elder)*
Vir prudens non contra ventum mingit - *A wise man does not urinate against the wind*
Vir sapit qui pauca loquitur - *It is a wise man who speaks little*
Vir sapit qui pauca loquitur - *That man is wise who talks little (know when to hold your tongue)*
Vires acquirit eundo - *It gains strength by going / as it goes. (Virgil)*
Virginibus puerisque - *For maidens and youths*
Virgo intacta - *Intact virgin*
Viri sunt viri - *Men are slime*
Virtus in medio stat - *Virtue stands in the middle*
Virtute et armis - *By courage and by arms*
Virtus probata florescit - *Manly excellence in trial flourished*
Virtutis fortuna comes - *Good luck is the companion of courage*
Virum mihi, Camena, insece versutum - *Tell me, O Muse, of the skillful man. (Livius Andronicus)*
Virus - *Poison or slime*
Vis comica - *Sense of humour*
Vis consili expers mole ruit sua - *Brute force bereft of wisdom falls to ruin by its own weight. (Discretion is the better part of valor) (Horace)*
Vis inertiae - *The power of inertia - why things never change*
Vis maior - *Higher force*
Vis medicatrix naturae - *The healing power of nature*
Visa - *Things seen*
Visne saltare? Viam Latam Fungosam scio - *Do you want to dance? I know the Funky Broadway*
Visne saltare? - *Do you want to dance?*
Vita brevis, ars longa - *Life is short, art is long*
Vita continet. Vive com eo - *Life happens. Live with it*
Vita luna! - *Crazy life!*
Vita mutatur, non tollitur - *Life is changed, not taken away*
Vita non est vivere sed valere vita est - *Life is more than merely staying alive*

Vita sine libris mors est - Life without books is death
Vitam impendere vero - To risk one's life for the truth
Vitam regit fortuna, non sapientia - Fortune, not wisdom, rules lives. (Cicero)
Vitanda est improba siren desidia - One must avoid that wicked temptress, Laziness. (Horace)
Vitiis nemo sine nascitur - No-one is born without faults. (Horace)
Viva voce - With living voice
Vivat regina - Long live the queen
Vivat rex - Long live the king
Vivat, crescat, floreat! - May he/she/it live, grow, and flourish!
Vive hodie - Live today (not tomorrow)
Vive vt vivas - Live that you may live
Vivere commune est, sed non commune mereri - Everybody lives; not everybody deserves to
Vivere discite, cogita mori - Learn to live; Remember death. (sundial inscription)
Vivos voco, mortuos plango - I call the living, I mourn the dead. (church bell inscription)
Vix ulla tam iniqua pax, quin bello vel aequissimo sit potior - Scarcely is there any peace so unjust that it is better than even the fairest war. (Erasmus)
Vixere fortes ante agamemnona - Brave men lived before Agamemnon. (heroism exists even if it's not recorded)
Vixit - He/she has lived
Vltima ratio regvm - The final argument of kings. (motto of Louis XIV on his cannon)
Vltra vires - Beyond [one's] authority outside the jurisdiction
Volens et potens - Willing and able
Volente Deo - God willing
Volenti non fit iniuria - A person who consents does not suffer injustice
Volo anaticulam cumminosam meam! - I want my rubber ducky!
Volo, non valeo - I am willing but unable
Volvptates commendat rarior vsvs - Infrequent use commends pleasure. (moderation in all things)
Vos vestros servate, meos mihi linquite mores - You cling to your own ways and leave mine to me. (Petrarch)
Vox clamantis in deserto - Voice crying in the desert. (voice in the wilderness unheeded warning, an opinion not in the mainstream)
Vox populi, vox Dei - The voice of the people is the voice of God. (Public opinion is obligatory)
Vox populi - The voice of the people
Vrbi et orbi - To the city and to the world. (preface of Papal documents)
Vulnerant omnes, ultima necat - Every (hour) wounds, the last kills. (sundial inscription)
Vulpem pilum mutat, non mores - A fox may change its hair, not its tricks. (People change behaviour but not their aims)
Vultus est index animi - The face is the index of the soul/mind

The End!