This course will feature selections from the Letters of Pliny the Younger. Pliny’s letters touch on topics ranging from the domestic to the political, and provide valuable insight into Roman life around the turn of the second century C.E. Highlights will include Pliny’s eye-witness account of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and a letter to Trajan inquiring about official policies concerning Christians. The course aims to help students develop their ability to read extended passages of Latin prose. The class will also provide review of important Latin grammar.

Prerequisite: Latin 201, or permission of the department.