

LATIN PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

VOWELS:

Note: generally, when two vowels are adjacent, pronounce both letters (eu is "eh -oo"). Exceptions: ae [æ], oe [œ] (both "eh" almost like "ay")

A	"ah" as in father
AE	"eh" almost like "ay"
E	"eh" as in elf
I	"ee" as in meet
I	between two vowels - like "y" as in yes or Latin alleluia
O	open "oh" as in bought (round lips for "oh" and say "awe")
OE	"eh" almost like "ay"
U	"oo" as in root
U	before a vowel and after gn or q - like "W" as in quilt or Latin word qui

CONSONANTS:

The pronunciation of Latin consonants is the same as English, with the following exceptions.

C	before a, o, or u - like "k" as in cat
C	before e, i, y, ae, or oe - like "ch" as in church
C	after X and before e, i, y, ae, or oe - like "sh" in shirt or excelsis
CH	"k" as in cat
G	before a, o, or u - like "g" as in golf
G	before e, i, y, ae, or oe - like "g" as in gem
GN	"nyuh", as in the middle of onion
H	sometimes silent as in honour
J	"y" as in yes
N	before a consonant - like "ng" as in finger
S	between two vowels or preceded by a consonant - like "z"
SC	(or SCH) like "sk" in skunk before a, o, u, or consonant
SC	like "sh" in shirt before e, i, y, ae, or oe
TI	before a vowel, like "tsee"
TH	"t" as in top
Y	"ee" as in candy
Z	"dz" as in maids