

PEN ROMAN CAPITAL LETTERS

Correspondence Course
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Romans carved the first Classical Roman Capital letters about 2000 years ago. These letters were extremely beautiful and even today their forms define the basic structure of Western majuscule alphabets. During the Renaissance many copyists looked back at the Roman Inscriptions and used them as models for developing pen forms. In the manuscripts of this period, one can find a rich variety of classical majuscule letters, all written with quill pens.

The lessons of this course guide the student to the understanding and learning of basic pen made Roman Capitals from their skeletal form to the broad-pen serif letter. The emphasis of the course is on letter proportion and spacing with assignments designed to develop the student's visual abilities. The course is open to all art and graphic design students who wishes to study and understand good letterforms.

MECHANICS

This program structure allows participants to work at their own pace. There are no specific due dates, however students must complete a course within two years of the subscription date. The course consists of six lessons plus one. Each lesson will require approximately 25-30 hours of work. Completed lessons are to be sent to Monica Dengo, the course tutor, who will make comments on the work within a week and return it by mail. Individual conversations between student and teacher will be encouraged, but are not mandatory.

The course contains a seventh lesson, which is optional. This is a large project lesson, where students are taught to make a manuscript book and use a gold leaf technique. The lesson contains all the necessary information and the gilding material.

CERTIFICATION

Participants will receive a certificate with a statement of completion.

COSTS

The cost for the six lessons course and the loose leafs book is \$ 500. If students desire to receive the seventh lesson with gilding instructions, the total cost is \$600. Payments can be done in two parts: \$ 300 with subscription and \$ 200 with mailing of the first completed lesson.

The fee covers the mailing of the initial package and the return mailing costs of the completed lessons. Each participant is responsible for the mailing costs originating at their address. The payments are not refundable. For payment and subscription return to the web site and go to "Application Form".