

Monmouth College: Spring 2015, First Half
CLAS 224-01, Word Elements—Latin, .5 credit
TTH 12:30-1:45
Instructor: Wine

If you know that **con (com)**- means “together” or “with” or “very”

and that **secut** means “to follow”

and that **-ive** means “pertaining to”

you can understand that **consecutive** means “pertaining to following along with something else”

and that **complication** means “something folded together with something else” and

conspicuous means “characterized by being very much seen”

and that **persecute** means “to follow through or thoroughly” and **subsequent** means “following closely”

and that **perspective** means “pertaining to looking at something thoroughly” and
executive means “pertaining to following out of something.”

The aim of this course is for you to understand English words better and to increase your English vocabulary by studying how words are formed, learning Latin elements in English words, and improving dictionary usage.

Texts: Donald Ayers’ *English Words from Latin and Greek Elements*, 2nd edition 0816508992



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and access to a good dictionary with etymologies given in the word entries (*American Heritage* and *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* are both good.)

