General vocabulary occurring in two or more passages in CMS MA-level Latin exams, 1997–2004
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N.B.: This list excludes the most common verbs occurring in the CMS MA-level Latin exam; see the CMS Latin Verb List for this information. Also excluded from this list are personal pronouns, the reflexive pronoun, possessive pronouns, the demonstratives is, hic, ille, iste, ipse, and idem, the relative pronoun qui, the interrogative pronouns quis and quid, the conjunction et and enclitic –que, and the cardinal and ordinal numbers (except unus and primus).

58 in prep: in, on (+ abl); into, against, for (+ acc)
48 ad prep (+ acc): to; for
37 a / ab prep (+ abl): from; by
de prep (+ abl): from; about, concerning; some amount / something of (in phrases equivalent to partitive genitive)
36 non adv: not, no
33 cum prep (+ abl): with [after personal and relative pronouns (e.g. mecum)]
31 cum / quum conj: when; since; although
29 omnis adj: all [omnia ‘all things / everything,’ omnes ‘all / everyone’]; every [e.g. omnis homo ‘everyone,’ omni die ‘every day’]
sed [set] conj: but
28 ut / uti conj [with subjunctive verb]: that; so that; in order that [ita ut / ut ita dicam ‘so to speak’]
27 deus n: God
26 quidam, quaedam, quoddam pron: a certain, some (one / thing)
25 per prep (+ acc): through; by [per omnia ‘in all respects’]
24 autem conj [usually second in a clause]: on the other hand, but, moreover
quod conj: because; that
23 e / ex prep (+ abl): out of, from
rex, regis n (m): king
quia conj: because; that
vero conj [usually second in a clause]: but, however, indeed
sanctus adj: holy [as noun, ‘saint’]
alis adj [gen sg supplied by alterius, dat alii, neut nom / acc aliud]: other [alii … alii
‘some … others’; non aliud … quam ‘no other than / nothing but / only’]
etiam [eciam] conj: also, even
si conj: if
homo, hominis n (m): man, human being
magnus adj [maior : maximus]: great
dominus n: lord
enim conj [usually second in a clause]: for; certainly, indeed [also enimvero]
neq / neque conj: and not, nor [neq … neq ‘neither … nor’]
pro prep (+ abl): for; according to
quam adv: as; than; how
dies, diei n (m / f): day
multus adj: much, many [multum adv ‘very much,’ multo + comp ‘much more’]
tamen adv: nevertheless, yet, however
terra n: earth, land
unus adj [gen unius, dat uni]: one, alone
ut / uti adv and conj [with indicative verb]: as, how
ac / atque conj: and
nam and namque conjs: for
nomen, nominis n (n): name
tempus, temporis n (n): time
tunc adv: then, at that time
vel conj and adv: or; even; at least
verbm n: word
nullus adj [gen nullius, dat nulli]: none, not any
sicut / sicuti adv: just as, as
bonus adj [melior : optimus]: good [boma ‘goods’]
ergo adv: therefore, then
frater, fratris n (m): brother; friar
primus adj: first [primo adv ‘first / in the first place,’ primum adv ‘first’]
aliqui, aliqua, aliquod adj: some
bene adv [melius : optime]: well
civitas, civitatis n (f): city
filius n: son
iam adv: now; already
pater, patris n (m): father
virtus, virtutis n (f): virtue, power; strength, bravery; miracle
anima n: soul
domus, domus n (f) [locative domi ‘at home’]: house, home
locus n [has pl forms loci and neuter loca]: place
ne conj: lest, in order that … not [before negative purpose clause]; not [before subjunctives of command or exhortation]
nisi conj: if not, unless; except
sub prep: under, beneath, during (+ abl); under, beneath (+ acc)
via n: way
vir, viri n: man; husband
ante prep (+ acc): before
corpus, corporis n (n): body
dum conj: while, when; until
modus n: measure; manner, way [nullo modo ‘in no way, by no means’]
quasi adv: as if, as it were
talis adj: such
unde adv: whence, from where; from which (fact / thing / reason); wherewith, the means with which (to do something [subj])
caelum [coelum] n [with m pl caeli ‘the heavens’]: heaven, sky; climate, weather
ceterus [caeterus] adj: other
igitur adv: therefore, then
mundus n: world
nox, noctis n (f): night [with form noctu ‘at night’]
nunc adv: now
populus n: people
post prep (+ acc): after; behind
quantum adv: how much; as much (as) [in quantum ‘inasmuch as,’ also quanto ‘how much, as much’ with comparatives]
sic adv: so, thus; yes
spiritus, spiritus n: spirit; breath, wind
super prep: about, concerning, beyond (+ abl); above, over, upon (+ acc)
totus [gen totius, dat toti] adj: (the) whole
ubi adv: where; when
verus adj: true [verum ‘truth’]
vita n: life
aliquis, aliquid pron: some (one / thing), any (one / thing)
aqua n: water
aut conj: or [aut … aut ‘either … or’]
certus adj: certain, sure
ecclesia n: church
humanus adj: human [humanum genus ‘mankind’]
ita adv: so, in such a way
itaque conj: and so
mos, moris n (m): custom, manner [more + gen ‘in the manner of,’ moris est ‘is usual’]
pars, partis n (f): part; side; region
postquam conj: after
propter prep (+ acc): because of
regnum n: kingdom; reign
semper adv: always
tam adv: so [tam … quam ‘both … and’]
timor, timoris n (m): fear

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adhuc adv: up to this; yet, still
alter adj [gen alterius, dat alteri]: other [alter … alter ‘one … the other’]
amor, amoris n (m): love
animus n: mind, heart; courage
beatus adj: blessed
contra prep (+ acc): against, opposite
dives, divitis adj [divitior / ditior : divitissimus / ditissimus]: rich
eo quod [i.e. ‘for this, (namely) that’]: because [pro eo quod ‘because,’ in eo quod ‘inasmuch as’]
futurus adj [future participle of sum]: future, to be [futurum ‘the future’]
gaudium n: joy
gratia n: grace; favor
heres, heredis n (common): heir
ibi adv: there
mors, mortis n (f): death
ni(c)hil / nil n: nothing [as adv, ‘not at all’]
nobilis adj: noble
opus, operis n (n): work [opus est + abl ‘there is need of’]
os, oris n (n): mouth; face
postea adv: afterwards
quicumque relative pron: whoever, whatever
regina n: queen
scilicet [explanatory]: namely, that is
sine prep (+ abl): without
solus adj [gen solius, dat soli]: only, alone
tandem adv: at last, finally
tantus adj: so great
usque adv: in usque ad ‘unto, all the way to; until’

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actus, actus n: act, deed
angelus n: angel
apostolus n: apostle
apud prep (+ acc): at, with (someone)
at [also ast] conj: but
casus, casus n: chance, (mis)fortune; situation, plight, case
causa n: cause [+ gen *for the sake of’]
divitiae n (pl): riches, wealth
donec conj: until
iter, itineris n (n): journey; road
magis comp adv: more, rather
malus adj [peior : pessimus]: bad, evil [malum ‘(an) evil’]
mirus adj: wonderful, amazing
miser adj: miserable, wretched
mons, montis n (m): mountain
officium n: duty, task
ordo, ordinis n (m): order; rank, row
pauper, pauperis adj: poor
pes, pedis n (m): foot
potens adj [pres participle of possum]: powerful
praesens adj [pres participle of praesum]: present (in time or place) [praesens ‘the present (time)’]
princeps, principis n (common): prince; chief; captain (of an army)
quidem adv: indeed (emphasizing the word it follows) [ne … quidem ‘not even …’]
res, rei n (f): thing; matter; reality
sapiens adj [pres participle of sapio]: wise
sermo, sermonis n (m): word, speech
uxor, uxoris n (f): wife
valde adv: very much, greatly
veritas, veritatis n (f): truth
videlicet adv: clearly, evidently [most common as an explanatory ‘namely’]

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adolescens / adulescens adj: young, growing [usually as noun ‘young man / woman’]
aeternus adj: eternal
annus n: year
auctor, auctoris n (m): founder, promoter; author, authority
caput, capitis n (n): head
carus [karus] adj: dear [carissimus ‘(dearly) beloved’]
communis adj: common
consilium n: counsel, advice; deliberation; plan; reason (what is sensible)
consuetudo, consuetudinis n (f): custom
cor, cordis n (n): heart
creatura n: creation; creature
cunctus adv: all
dinde adv: then, thereupon
denique adv: finally
discipulus n: disciple
divinus adj: of God, divine
episcopus n: bishop
genus, generis n (n): kind; family
ideo adv: therefore [ideo ... quia 'for this reason ... (namely) that']
infernus n: hell
inter prep (+ acc): between, among
juvenis, iuvenis n (common): youth
iuxta prep (+ acc): near to; according to
labor, laboris n (m): labor, effort; hardship
laetitia n: happiness
laetus adj: happy
licet conj [a use of the impersonal verb licet 'it is allowed']: although [usually followed by subjunctive]
littera n: letter (a character) [litterae (pl) 'letter, epistle']
longe adv: far away, (by) far
manus, manus n (f): hand
mens, mentis n (f): mind
minus comp adv: less
misericordia n: mercy
nemus, nemoris n (n): wood, grove
omnino adv: altogether, wholly
paucus adj: few
poena [pena] n: punishment, penalty
praes prep (+ abl): before; compared to, next to; on account of, for
prius comp adv: before
qualis adj: of what sort, what kind of [talis ... qualis 'such ... as']
quoniam conj: because; that
quoque adv: also
ratio, rationis n (f): reason; reckoning; proportion; cause; manner, way; system
regio, regionis n (f): region, country
sacer adj: sacred
salus, salutis n (f): health, well-being, salvation
sapientia n: wisdom
scriptura n: writing, scripture
secundum prep (+ acc): according to
sensus, sensus n: sense, feeling, wits
similis adj: like, similar [+ gen or dat]
simul adv: at the same time, at once, together
statim adv: immediately
supra adv above; beyond, more
tantum adv: so much [in tantum 'so much, to such a degree']
universus adj: the whole; all
urbs, urbis n (f):
vis n (f) [acc vim, abl vi]: force, power [most common in pl vires 'strength']
vix adv: scarcely
voluntas, voluntatis n (f): will
vultus, vultus n: face
amicus adj: friendly [often as noun ‘friend’]
amplius comp adv: more
ars, artis n (f): art
aurum n: gold
bellum n: war
bestia n: beast
brevis adj: short
breviter adv: briefly
caro, carnis n (f): flesh
catholicus adj: catholic, orthodox
circa prep (+ acc): around, about
comes, comitís n (common): companion; count [vita comite ‘with life a companion’ i.e.
‘as long as / if I live / he lives etc.’]
consensus, consensus n: agreement, consensus
conspectus, conspectus n: sight
cursus, cursus n: running, course
deficiæ n (pl): delights
dexter adj: right [dext(e)ra as noun ‘right hand’ or adv ‘on the right (side)’]
diligenter adv: diligently
diversus adj: different, diverse
domina n: lady
dux, ducis n (common): duke; general / leader of an army
elementum n: element
equis n: horse
exercitus, exercitus n: army
facies, faciei n (f): figure, appearance; face
fama n: fame, report; reputation
felix, felicis adj: happy, fortunate
ferus adj: wild [noun fera ‘wild animal’]
fidelis adj: faithful, loyal
fides, fidei n (f): faith, belief
flos, florís n (m): flower
flumen, fluminis n (n): stream
fluvius n: river
fons, fontis n (m): fountain, spring
fortis adj: strong, brave
fur, furis n (common): thief
hiems, hiemis [hiemps, yems] n (f): winter
historia n: history, story
honor, honoris n (m): honor
huiusmodi [like an adj, but an indeclinable phrase]: of this kind
ibidem adv: in the same place, there
illuc adv: thither, to there
intellectus, intellectus n: understanding, intellect
ira n: anger
iudicium n: judgment
iumentum n: beast of burden
ius, iuris n (n): right, law
justitia n: justice
lector, lectoris n (m): reader; lecturer, teacher
liber, libri n: book
liberalis adj: liberal, noble
lumen, luminis n (n): light
mater, matris n (f): mother
medius adj: middle; half [medium as noun ‘middle’]
mensa n: table
-met [suffix after personal pronouns]: self [often together with a form of ipse, e.g.
    memetipsum ‘myself’]
miles, militis n (m): soldier, knight
militia n: soldiery, military service, knighthood; company of soldiers / knights
mortuus adj [past participle of morior]: dead
multitudo, multitudinis n (f): multitude
natura n: nature
nemo [dat nemini, acc nemenim; gen usually supplied by nullius, abl by nullo]: no one
nimis adv: very much, exceedingly
nimius adj: very great, excessive
oculus n: eye
ops, opis n (f): power; aid [most common in pl opes ‘means, resources, wealth’]
oriens, orientis n (m) [pres participle of orior]: east
paganus adj: pagan
paene [pene] adv: almost
paenitentia n: repentance, penitence
paradisus n: paradise
pares, parentis n (common): parent; forebear, relative
parvus adj [minor : minimus]: small
patria n: homeland
pax, pacis n: peace
peccatum n: sin
penitus adv: thoroughly, utterly
plenus adj: full
plurimum adv: very much
plures comp adj (pl): more, very many
postmodum adv: afterwards
praecipuus adj: foremost, principal [also adv praecipue ‘most of all, especially’]
praedicator, praedicatoris n (m): preacher; Dominican
proprius adj: (one’s) own [propria ‘one’s home / own parts’]
proximus superlative adj: next, closest; as noun, neighbor
prudens, prudentis adj: wise, prudent
puella n: girl
puer, pueri n: boy
quando adv and conj: when; since
quantus adj: how great
quamadmodum adv: just as, how
quippe adv and conj: indeed; inasmuch as [introducing a relative clause, quippe qui / quae “seeing that he / she”]
quomodo adv: how
regius adj: royal, of the king [noun regia ‘palace’]
sacerdos, sacerdotis n (common): priest, bishop
saeclum [saeclum] n: age; world
sanguis, sanguinis n (m): blood
scientia n: knowledge
secretum n: secret [adv secreto ‘in secret, privately’; in secreto ‘in secret’]
servus n: servant
signum n: sign
simplex, simplicis adj: simple
singulus adj: single, individual, each [singuli ‘everyone’ (considered individually), per singula ‘one by one / individually’]
sol, solis n (m): sun
solum adv: only [non solum … sed / verum etiam ‘not only … but also’]
summus superlative adj: highest
tenebrae n (pl): darkness
testis, testis n (common): witness
ultra adv: beyond, further, more
umbra n: shade, shadow
unda n: water, wave
usus, usus n: use
varius adj: various
ventus n: wind
vere adv: truly
versus prep (+ acc): towards
vocabulum n: word, name
vox, vocis n (f): voice

ac si [or as one word acsi]: as if
admirabilis wonderful, astonishing; admirable
aestivus adj: of summer
aestus, aestus n: heat; seething, burning
aetas, aetatis n (f): age
ala n: wing
aliquando adv: at some time; sometimes
altitudo, altitudinis n (f): height
altus adj: high
ambo, ambae, ambo: both
animal, animalis n (n): animal
animans, animantis n (n): living being
anxius adj: anxious
appetitus, appetitus n: appetite
aptus *adj*: suitable, apt
argentum *n*: silver
aridus *adj*: dry
asper *adj*: harsh, rough
astrum *n*: star
aureus *adj*: golden
auxilium *n*: help, aid
avarus *adj*: greedy
avis, avis *n* (f): bird
benedictio, benedictionis *n* (f): blessing
ciaedes, caedis *n* (f): slaughter, killing
calor, caloris *n* (m): heat
candidus *adj*: white
canon, canonis *n* (m): canon
caritas, caritatis *n* (f): charity
castrum *n*: fortress; town [*pl castra ‘camp’*]
certe *adv*: certainly, surely
cervus *n*: deer
cibus *n*: food
cinis, cineris *n* (m): ash
clarus *adj*: bright; renowned
columba *n*: dove
coma *n*: hair; foliage
consortium *n*: fellowship, company
corona *n*: crown
corporeus *adj*: bodily
creator, creatoris *n* (m): creator
crimen, criminis *n* (n): crime; accusation
cur *adv*: why
curia *n*: court
daemon, daemonis *n* (m): demon
defunctus *adj* [*past participle of defungor*]: dead
demum *adv*: at last
denarius *n*: penny
diabolus *n*: devil
diaconus *n*: deacon
dignitas, dignitatis *n* (f): dignity, rank
dilectio, dilectionis *n* (f): love
diluculum *n*: dawn
disciplina *n*: discipline
diu *adv*: for a long time
dos, dotis *n* (f): dowry
dubium *n* [*from dubius *adj* ‘doubtful’*]: doubt [*sine / procul dubio ‘without a doubt’*]
dulcis *adj*: sweet, pleasant
eccce: behold!
econtra [*or as one word econtra*]: the contrary, on the contrary
erga prep (+ acc): towards, in relation to
etenim conj: and indeed
etsi conj: even if, although
exercitium n: exercise
exiguus adj: small, meager
exitus, exitus n: going out, issuing
facultas, facultatis n (f): power; opportunity
falsus adj [past participle of fallo]: false
fax, facis n (f): torch; fire
femina n: woman
vere / ferme adv: almost
figura n: figure
finis, finis n (m): end, bound; border
foedus adj: foul
forte adv: by chance
frigidus adj: cold
furtum n: theft
generalis adj: general
gladius n: sword
gravis adj: heavy; difficult
graviter adv: heavily, severely
habitaculum n: dwelling (place)
hinc adv: hence; therefore
hora n: hour
hostis n (common): enemy
huc adv: hither, to here [huc usque or hucusque ‘hitherto, thus far’]
ignis, ignis n (m): fire
imaginarius [ymaginarius] adj: imaginary, fancied; of the imagination
imago [ymago], imaginis n (f): image, likeness; spectre
immo: (nay) rather; why even
imperium n: empire; authority
impius adj: impious, unkind
inde adv: thence; thereupon, from that
indicium n: sign, token
industria n: diligence, industry
infinitus adj: endless
innumerabilis adj: innumerable
inopia n: poverty, want
inops, inopis adj: needy, wanting
insidiae n (pl): ambush, trap, plot
instrumentum n: equipment; ’instrument’ (legal document)
insuper adv: in addition, besides
intimus superlative adj: inmost; very close, intimate
iterum adv: again
iucundus [iocundus] adj: pleasant
laevus adj: left [laeva as noun ‘left hand’ or adv ‘on the left (side)’]
latrocinium n: robbery, brigandage
laus, laudis n (f): praise
lectio, lectionis n (f): reading
lex, legis n (f): law
libitum n: wish, will, whim
longus adj: long
luna n: moon
magister, magistri n: master, teacher
magnitudo, magnitudinis n (f): greatness
malignus adj: malicious
mandatum n: commandment
mare, maris n (n): sea
maritus n (m): husband
maxime adv: especially
mendax, mendacis adj: lying
minimus superlative adj: least, smallest [minimum ‘the least thing’]
minister, ministri n: minister, attendant
miraculum n: miracle
molendinum n: mill
mollitia and mollitiae n (f): softness
mox adv: soon
naturalis adj: natural
necessitas, necessitatis n (f): necessity
nex, necis n (f): killing, murder
nonnullus adj: some
novitas, novitatis n (f): newness, novelty
novus adj: new
nullatenus adv: by no means
numquam adv: never
ob prep (+ acc): because of
obvius adj: being in one’s way
olim adv: once, formerly
oratio, orationis n (f): prayer; speech
orbis, orbis n (m): circle, globe; world [orbis terrarum ‘the world’]
origo, originis n (f): origin, source
ornamentum n: adornment, decoration
osculum n: kiss
ovis, ovis n (f): sheep
passio, passionis n (f): suffering, passion (of a martyr); passion (of the soul: emotion)
peccator, peccatoris n (m): sinner
pectus, pectoris n (n): chest
pecunia n: money
pecus, pecoris n (n): cattle
peritus adj: skilful, expert
perpetuus adj: continuous, perpetual [in perpetuum ‘forever’]
persecutio, persecutionis n (f): persecution; pursuit; prosecution (of a lawsuit)
persona n: person; parson
petia / pecia n: piece
plurimus superlative adj: most, very many
pontifex, pontificis n (m): pontiff, bishop
possessio, possessionis n (f): possession, property
post adv: later, afterwards
praeeptum n: precept, instruction
praedicatio, praedicationis n (f): preaching
praedictus adj: foresaid
praefatus adj: foresaid
praemium n: reward
praeter prep (+ acc): besides, except; beyond
prior comp adj: earlier, previous
privatus adj: private
probitas, probitatis n (f): goodness, excellence
profundus adj: deep [as noun profundum ‘depth’]
proelium [praelium] n (n): battle
proles, prolis n (f): offspring
propheta n (m): prophet
propositum n: plan, intention
proprie adv: properly, correctly
prudentia n: wisdom, prudence
pulcher adj: beautiful
pulchritudo, pulchritudinis n (f): beauty
pulvis, pulveris n (m): dust
quamvis conj: however much, although
quapropter adv: for which reason, wherefore
quare adv: why [in a question]; for which reason, wherefore [beginning a sentence]
quietus adj: at rest, quiet; quit, having paid one’s debt
quilibet, quilibet, quodlibet adj: any (one / thing) whatever
quisque, quaeque, quodque adj: whoever / whatever; every
quisquis, quidquid / quicquid relative pron: whoever, whatever
quoddammodo adv: in a certain way
quondam [condam] adv: once (at some time in the past)
religio, religionis n (f): religion, religious life
reliquus adj: remaining [pl reliqui / reliqua ‘the rest’]
rota n: wheel
rursus / rursum adv: again, back
sacramentum n: oath; sacrament
saepé adv: often [comp saepius ‘very often’]
salubris adj: wholesome, beneficial
salvator, salvatoris n (m): savior
satis adv: enough, quite
semel adv: once (one time)
sepulchrum n: tomb
sericus adj: silk [as noun sericum ‘silk’]
serus *adj*: late [*as noun* serum ‘evening’; *adv* sero ‘late’]
sigillum *n*: seal, sign
sinus, sinus *n*: fold; bosom; recess
siquidem [*or as two words* si quidem]: since indeed; indeed
somnus [*somnus*] *n*: sleep
sors, sortis *n* (f): lot, fortune; principal (on a loan)
spatium *n*: space (more often of time than spatial extent)
spiritualis / spiritualis *adj*: spiritual
statura *n*: standing; height
studium *n*: zeal, enthusiasm; pursuit, study; good will
stultitia *n*: stupidity
stultus *adj*: stupid
superior *comp adj*: higher; last, previous, preceding
supradictus *adj*: above-mentioned
tanquam *adv*: just as
temporalis *adj*: of time, temporal
terminus *n*: boundary; appointed date, term
terrenus *adj*: earthly
 tormentum *n*: torment
umquam / unquam *adv*: ever
una *adv*: together
uterque [*gen utriusque, dat utrique*]: either, each (of two), the one and the other
utilis *adj*: useful, beneficial
utilitas, utilitatis *n* (f): usefulness, benefit
utpote *adv*: inasmuch as
utrum *adv*: whether
valles / vallis, vallis *n* (f): valley
vanitas, vanitatis *n* (f): emptiness, vanity
vehementer *adv*: very much, exceedingly
vena *n*: vein
venia *n*: pardon
verum *conj*: but, however
vestigium *n*: footprint, track
vestis, vestis *n* (f): garment [*vestes ‘clothing’*]
vetus, veteris *adj*: old
vinculum *n*: chain
visio, visionis *n* (f): vision, sight