

# capitaneus

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## Latin

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### Etymology

- From *caput* ("head") + *-āneus*.
- Later absorbed and merged with similar *catepanus*, *capetanus*, and other Vulgar Latin renderings of *katepano*, the senior rank and title of Byzantine military captains of the Catepanate of Italy, from Byzantine Greek *κατεπάνω* (*katepánō*, literally "[the one] placed at the top, or the topmost")

### Pronunciation

- (*Classical*) IPA<sup>(key)</sup>: /ka.pi'taː.ne.us/, [ka.pi'taː.ne.ʊs]

### Adjective

**capitāneus** (*feminine* **capitānea**, *neuter* **capitāneum**); *first/second declension*

- large, chief in size
- (*substantive*) captain
- (*substantive*) capital (letters)

### Declension

*First/second declension.*

Number	Singular			Plural		
	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
<i>Nominative</i>	capitāneus	capitānea	capitāneum	capitāneī	capitāneae	capitānea
<i>Genitive</i>	capitāneī	capitāneae	capitāneī	capitāneōrum	capitāneārum	capitāneōrum
<i>Dative</i>	capitāneō	capitāneae	capitāneō	capitāneīs	capitāneīs	capitāneīs
<i>Accusative</i>	capitāneum	capitāneam	capitāneum	capitāneōs	capitāneās	capitānea

<b><i>Ablative</i></b>	<u>capitāneō</u>	<u>capitāneā</u>	<u>capitāneō</u>	<u>capitāneīs</u>	<u>capitāneīs</u>	<u>capitāneīs</u>
<b><i>Vocative</i></b>	<u>capitānee</u>	<u>capitānea</u>	<u>capitāneum</u>	<u>capitāneī</u>	<u>capitāneae</u>	<u>capitānea</u>

## Descendants

- Aromanian: căpitănj, căpitănjiu, căpitan
- Catalan: capità
- English: captain, chieftain
- French: capitaine
- German: Kapitän
- Irish: captaen
- Italian: capitano, capitagna
- Old French: chevetaine, chevetaigne
- Portuguese: capitão, capitam
- Romanian: căpătâi, căpitan
- Sicilian: capitanu
- Spanish: capitán

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