

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester II Year 1981/2

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
History 112:	History of Rome--Republic and Empire	Kenneth Sacks

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course we shall survey Roman history and civilization from its beginnings to the Fourth Century, A.D. Most of the readings will be from the historians who actually lived during these times, and we shall try to gain insight into the mind and character of Rome, as well as her history. Themes to be emphasized include: (i) Roman conquest of Italy and the Mediterranean; (ii) the internal political struggle and the evolution of the Republican state; (iii) the fall of the Republic and the growth of the autocracy; (iv) Roman adjustments in attempting to hold the empire together; and (v) the culture of the peoples subject to Roman rule.

LECTURES

2 (1:15) lectures/week, plus one section meeting

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

6 and 12 weeks exam and a final; for 4 credits two very short papers additionally
for honors, one paper of varying length (depending on the number of credits)

GRADING SYSTEM

3 credits: 25% per exam and 50% for final
4 credits: 20% per exam and paper and 40% for final

REQUIRED READINGS

C. Roebuck, WORLD OF ANCIENT TIMES
D. Kagan, PROBLEMS IN ANCIENT HISTORY, VOL. II: THE ROMAN WORLD
Plutarch, MAKERS OF ROME
Suetonius, THE TWELVE CAESARS
Petronius, SATYRICON