UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
Department of History

HISTORY 112 Mr. Sacks  
Semester II, 1984/5

ROME: REPUBLIC AND EMPIRE

Course Description

In this course, we shall survey Roman history and civilization from its beginnings to the Fourth Century, A.D. 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/week plus one discussion section.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS: 6 week, 12 week, and final exam; Honors students and 4-unit non-honors students will also write papers (below). Exams: Will be essay style. They will require an understanding of the fundamental questions, supported by evidence found in the readings and lectures.

4-unit, non-honors students are required to write 2 very short (3-5 pages) papers based on the questions posed in Kagan. One topic should be selected from the first 7 questions, the second from the final 5. The first is due by March 13, the second by May 1.

Honors students: will write a paper supervised by the instructor.

GRADING: 3 units: approximately 25% for the 6 and 12 weeks exams, 10% for participation in discussion sections, and 40% for the final.

4 units: Approximately 20% for the 6 and 12 weeks exams and paper, 10% for participation in discussion sections, 30% for the final.

VERY IMPORTANT: If you register for 4 credits, you MUST do the required written work. If after having signed up for the fourth credit, you decide that you do not want to complete the written work, you MUST formally drop the credit, with the Registrar, by the 12th week of class. Only the Registrar can excuse you from the responsibility of doing the work for the fourth credit. If you do not drop that credit officially, you will be held responsible for it.

BOOKS TO BE PURCHASED: C. Roebuck, World of Ancient Times
Plutarch, Makers of Rome
Suetonius, The Twelve Caesars
Petronius, Satyricon
Plautus, Pot of Gold and Other Plays

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OFFICE HOURS: To be arranged
Jan. 21: Introduction and Geographical Background
Roebuck 3-17, 416-421

Jan. 23: From Before the Romans to the Kings
Roebuck 422-436
Kagan, c. 1

Jan. 28 and 30: Struggle of the Orders (2 lectures)
Roebuck 447-447
Plutarch, CORIOLANUS

Feb. 4: The Winning of Italy
Roebuck 447-456
Kagan, c. 3

Feb. 6: The First Punic War
Roebuck 457-463

Feb. 11: The Second Punic War
Roebuck 463-469
Kagan, c. 4
Plutarch, FABIUS MAXIMUS AND MARCELLUS

Feb. 13: Roman Society in the Third and Second Centuries
Roebuck 480-505
Plautus, PSEUDOLUS

Feb. 18: Rome and the East
Roebuck 470-479
Kagan, c. 5

Feb. 20: The Gracchi
Roebuck 506-515
Plutarch, TIBERIUS GRACCHUS AND GAIUS GRACCHUS
Kagan, c. 6

Feb. 25: EXAM

Feb. 27: Gathering Stormclouds
Roebuck 515-541
Kagan, c. 7

Mar. 4 and 6: The First Triumvirate and the Coming of Civil War (2 lectures)
Roebuck 541-548

Mar. 11: Julius Caesar, Dictator for Life
Roebuck 548-554
Suetonius, JULIUS CAESAR
Kagan, c. 8

Mar. 13: The Political Philosophy of Stoicism
Roebuck 554-559
FIRST PAPER DUE

Mar. 25 and 27: The Second Triumvirate and the Augustan Settlement (2 lectures)
Roebuck 560-574
Kagan, c. 9
Plutarch, MARK ANTONY

Apr. 1: Augustus' Empire
Roebuck 574-587
Suetonius, AUGUSTUS

Apr. 3: Tiberius, Caligula, and Claudius
Suetonius, TIBERIUS, CALIGULA, and CLAUDIUS
Kagan, c. 10

Apr. 8: The Last of the Julio-Claudians and the Flavians
Roebuck 596-615
Suetonius, NERO, VESPASIAN, TITUS, and DOMITIAN

Apr. 10: EXAM

Apr. 15: The Five Good Emperors
Roebuck 616-639

Apr. 17: Roman Imperial Society
Roebuck 640-665
Petronius, SATYRICON

Apr. 22: The Jews in the Roman World
Roebuck 611-613

Apr. 24: The Third Century
Roebuck 666-676, 682-695
Peter Brown, THE WORLD OF LATE ANTIQUITY, 11-33 (On Reserve at H.C. White)

Apr. 29: Pagan Cults & Greek Philosophy
Roebuck 676-679
Brown, THE WORLD OF LATE ANTIQUITY, 49-59, 70-81

May 1: TO BE ARRANGED
SECOND PAPER DUE

May 6: Diocletian and Constantine
Roebuck 695-709
Kagan, c. 12

May 8: Christianity: Its Origins and Recognition
Roebuck 679-682, 691-693, 701-703
Brown, THE WORLD OF LATE ANTIQUITY, 60-69, 81-113
Kagan, c. 11