

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

HISTORY 112
SEMESTER II, 1987-88

Mr. Clover

HISTORY OF ROME: REPUBLIC AND EMPIRE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

History 112 considers the history of Rome, a city-state which constructed one of the most durable empires the Mediterranean Basin has ever known. The course will consider the peoples and cultures of the Mediterranean during the first millennium B.C.; the growth of Roman power in Italy and then, beginning in the second century B.C., throughout the Mediterranean; changes in Mediterranean life under Roman domination; and the breakdown of Roman power during the first millennium A.D. Within this broad spectrum the course will focus especially on Roman culture of the first century A.D., when two diverse sources--the early Christian community and Italy's Mount Vesuvius--left unusual records of Mediterranean life. Mount Vesuvius buried Pompeii and other cities near Naples, and the first Christians witnessed and then reflected on the death of Jesus of Nazareth. In pursuit of a detailed portrait of first-century life, students in the course will study the remains of Pompeii, the Satyricon of Petronius (a first-century La Dolce Vita), and The Gospel According to Mark.

LECTURES

Three lectures a week, supplemented by one weekly discussion meeting with a teaching assistant.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS (REGULAR CREDIT)

- (1) Students taking the course for THREE REGULAR CREDITS will write a six weeks examination, a twelve weeks examination, and a final examination.
- (2) Students taking the course for FOUR REGULAR CREDITS will write the three examinations listed above, and hand in (by the scheduled time of the final examination) a term paper. The suggested maximum length of the term paper: 10 to 15 pages. The deadline for selecting all regular credit term paper topics is Friday of the seventh week of the term.

SPECIAL PROJECT: A COLLOQUIUM THE EARLY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Students who wish to complete the course without following the usual cycle of examinations and papers may participate in a colloquium on the early Christian community. Participants will select a term paper topic--preferably one which relates to the theme of the colloquium--by the third week of the term. They will hand in a first draft of the term paper by Friday of the ninth week of the term, and a second draft (revised in accordance with the instructor's comments and the student's own second thoughts) by the day of the final examination. During the semester participants in the colloquium will use a

weekly discussion hour (in addition to the three lecture hours) to present a report on an aspect of the early Christian community.

Participants in the colloquium may earn honors or regular credit for the course. The suggested maximum length of the term paper's second draft varies with the number of credits:

3 regular or honors credits -- 10 to 15 pages;

4 regular or honors credits -- 15 to 20 pages.

GRADING SYSTEM

3 regular credits: 6 weeks exam 30%, 12 weeks exam 35%, final exam 35% of final grade.

4 regular credits: 6 weeks exam 20%, 12 weeks exam 25%, term paper 25%, final exam 30% of final grade.

colloquium: first draft of paper 30%, second draft 35%, discussion section reports 35% of final grade.

APPEALS: The course staff offers second readings of examinations and papers. This is no-risk review: when second opinions are given, the staff records the higher of the two estimations as the examination or paper grade.

READINGS

- # HISTORY 112/HISTORY OF ROME--REPUBLIC AND EMPIRE/SPECIAL HANDOUTS
- *% M. Cary and H. Scullard, A HISTORY OF ROME DOWN TO THE REIGN OF CONSTANTINE (3rd ed.; St. Martin's)
- *% G. Downey, THE LATE ROMAN EMPIRE (Krieger Paperback).
- *% H. Chadwick, THE EARLY CHURCH (Viking Penguin/Pelican Paperback).
- &% F. W. Walbank, THE HELLENISTIC WORLD (Harvard Paperback).
- % R. Seaford, POMPEII (Thames and Hudson/Norton Paperback).
- *% I. Andrews, POMPEII (Cambridge Paperback).
- *% ODI ET AMO; THE COMPLETE POETRY OF CATULLUS. Tr. R. A. Swanson (Macmillan Paperback).
- *% PETRONIUS AND SENECA; SATYRICON AND APOLOCYNTOSIS. Tr. J. P. Sullivan (Viking Penguin/Penguin Classics).
- &% THE NEW TESTAMENT OF THE NEW JERUSALEM BIBLE. Edited by H. Wansbrough, Doubleday/Image Paperback.
- *% E. Badian, PUBLICANS AND SINNERS. Cornell University Press Paperback.

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Mr. Sacks

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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 16, the second by May 2.

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
D. Kagan, Problems in Ancient History, vol. II: The Roman World
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. 26: Introduction and Geographical Background
Roebuck 3-17, 416-421
- Jan. 30: From Before the Romans to the Kings
Roebuck 422-436
Kagan, c. 1
- Feb. 2: Struggle of the Orders (2 lectures)
& Feb.7: Roebuck 437-447
Plutarch, CORIOLANUS
- Feb. 9: The Winning of Italy
Roebuck 447-456
Kagan, c. 3
- Feb. 14: The First Punic War
Roebuck 457-463
- Feb. 16: The Second Punic War
Roebuck 463-469
Kagan, c. 4
Plutarch, FABIVS MAXIMVS AND MARCELLVS
- Feb. 21: Roman Society in the Third and Second Centuries
Roebuck 480-505
Plautus, PSEVDOLVS
- Feb. 23: Rome and the East
Roebuck 470-479
Kagan, c. 5
- Feb. 28: The Gracchi
Roebuck 506-515
Plutarch, TIBERIVS GRACCHVS AND GAIVS GRACCHVS
Kagan, c. 6
- March 2: EXAM
- Mar. 7: Gathering Stormclouds
Roebuck 515-541
Kagan, c. 7
- Mar. 9: The First Triumvirate and the and 14: Coming of Civil War (2 lectures)
Roebuck 541-548
- Mar. 16: Julius Caesar, Dictator for Life
Roebuck 548-554
Suetonius, JULIVS CAESAR
Kagan, c. 8
FIRST PAPER DUE
- Mar. 28: The Political Philosophy of Stoicism
Roebuck 554-559
- Mar. 30: The Second Triumvirate & Apr.4: and the Augustan Settlement (2 lectures)
Roebuck 560-574
Kagan, c.9
Plutarch, MARK ANTONY
- Apr. 6: Augustus' Empire
Roebuck 574-587
Suetonius, AUGVSTVS
- Apr. 11: Tiberius, Caligula, and Claudius
Roebuck 588-596
Suetonius, TIBERIVS, CALIGVLA, and CLAVDIVS
Kagan, c. 10
- Apr. 13: The Last of the Julio-Claudians and the Flavians
Roebuck 596-615
Suetonius, NERO, VESPASIAN, TITVS, and DOMITIAN
- Apr. 18: EXAM
- Apr. 20: The Five Good Emperors
Roebuck 616-639
- Apr. 25: Roman Imperial Society
Roebuck 640-665
Petronius, SATYRICON
- Apr. 27: The Jews in the Roman World
Roebuck 611-613
- May 2: The Third Century
Roebuck 666-676, 682-695
Peter Brown, THE WORLD OF LATE ANTIQVITY, 11-33 (On Reserve at H.C. White)
- May 4: Pagan Cults & Greek Philosophy
Roebuck 676-679
Brown, THE WORLD OF LATE ANTIQVITY, 49-59, 70-81
SECOND PAPER DUE
- May 9: Diocletian and Constantine
Roebuck 695-709
Kagan, c. 12
- May 11: Christianity: Its Origins and Recognition
Roebuck 679-682, 691-693, 701-703
Brown, THE WORLD OF LATE ANTIQVITY, 60-69, 81-113
Kagan, c. 11