

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
Department of History

History 801  
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Seminar in Ancient History

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TOPIC: JULIUS CAESAR

"There's many a Marius in that young fop," proclaimed Sulla the Dictator. There was indeed, but remarks attributed to Caesar during the Civil War suggest that the man who helped Rome re-invent monarchy really wanted to fit comfortably into the Senate.

This seminar will examine all aspects of Julius Caesar's career--his own writings, the minor works attributed to him, his ancient biographers, his bid for divine honors, and--most important of all--his fateful decision to march to the North Sea.

The seminar will meet on Mondays from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m. The seminar is open to graduate students and qualified undergraduates. Classics students taking this seminar will participate in a reading group which will meet one extra hour per week, at a time convenient for all participants. Extra credit (in the form of History 699 or 999, directed study for undergraduates and graduates respectively) is available for this additional effort.

INTRODUCTORY READING

- %# S. Weinstock, DIVUS JULIUS. Oxford University Press.
- %\*\$ CAESAR; THE CIVIL WAR. Tr. J. F. Mitchell. Penguin Classics.
- %\*\$ CAESAR; CONQUEST OF GAUL. Tr. S. A. Handford. Penguin Classics.
- %\*\$ SUTONIUS; TWELVE CAESARS. Tr. R. Graves. Penguin Classics.
- %\*\$ PLUTARCH; FALL OF THE ROMAN REPUBLIC. Tr. R. Warner. Penguin Classics.
- %%\$ CAESAR. Tr. H. J. Edwards et al. 3 volumes. Loeb Classical Library, nos. 39, 72 and 402. Harvard University Press.
- %%\$ LUCAN; CIVIL WAR. Tr. J. D. Duff. Loeb Classical Library, no. 220. Harvard University Press.
- %\*\$ M. Gelzer, CAESAR; POLITICIAN AND STATESMAN. Harvard University Press Paperback.
- ##\$ Z. Yavetz, JULIUS CAESAR AND HIS PUBLIC IMAGE. Cornell University Press.
- & R. L. A. du Pontet (ed.), Oxford Classical Texts edition of the works of Julius Caesar. 2 vols. Oxford: Clarendon Press.

\* required purchase, available in the bookstores

% on three-day reserve in H. C. White no. 1191

& optional purchase available at the bookstores

# available in the Memorial Library

\$ available non-circulating in the History Library, 4257 Humanities Bldg., weekdays 8:30-11:30 a.m., 1:30-3:30 p.m.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT

A paper on some aspect of the life, works and times of Julius Caesar will be due one week after the last meeting of the seminar. Suggested maximum length: 10 to 20 pages. Decide by the fourth week of the semester whether you will write your paper on your assigned report topic, or on another topic. Paper topics will be discussed in individual consultations with the instructor early in the semester.