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**CLASS HIS 102 = HISTORY 102X**

**ROMAN HISTORY, I:  
THE REPUBLIC**

**Winter Quarter 2004  
TueThu 11-12.15  
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**Required texts (available at the Stanford Bookstore)**

- M. Crawford, *The Roman Republic* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Harvard University Press, 1993)
- A. Lintott, *The Roman Republic* (Sutton, 2000)
- R. Mellor, *The Historians of Ancient Rome: An Anthology of the Major Writings* (Routledge, 1998)
- Cicero, *Selected Political Speeches* (rev. ed. Penguin, 1989)
- Plutarch, *Fall of the Roman Republic* (rev ed., Penguin, 1972)
- K. Hopkins, *Conquerors and Slaves: Sociological Studies in Roman History, 1* (Cambridge 1978), chapters 1-2 (out of print; available as a course package)

**Schedule and readings**

Tue, Jan 6	Introduction: Why Rome matters
Thu, Jan 8	What can we know about early Rome? – Bottom-up perspectives <i>Crawford ch. 2; Lintott 1-21</i>
Tue, Jan 13	What are we told about early Rome? – The Fabrication of Historical Tradition <i>Mellor 1-5, 147-210; Crawford ch. 1</i>
Thu, Jan 15	Synopsis, c.400-133 BCE: How to build an empire <i>Mellor 233-246; Crawford ch. 4-6; Lintott 12-66</i>
Tue, Jan 20	The constitutional framework: institutions and process <i>Crawford ch. 3, 7, app. 1</i>
Thu, Jan 22	Governing Rome: oligarchy in action <i>Mellor 211-233, then 47-59; handouts</i>

Tue, Jan 27	Roman militarism: continuous 'just war' <i>Mellor 17-27, 32-47; Crawford app. 2; Hopkins 25-47</i>
Thu, Jan 29	Roman imperialism: conquest and control <i>Mellor 316-331, 344-354; State of the Union Address 2003; handouts</i>
Tue, Feb 3	<i>Religio</i> : Cult, ideology and symbolic capital <i>Handouts</i>
Thu, Feb 5	Social and economic change <i>Crawford ch. 9; Hopkins 8-25, 48-74, 99-132</i>
Tue, Feb 10	Synopsis, 133-60 BCE: patterns of conflict <i>Crawford ch. 10-14; Lintott 67-105</i> <b>Midterm assignments due</b>
Thu, Feb 12	Elite competition: conflicts and constraints <i>Mellor 61-75; Plutarch: Marius &amp; Sulla; Cicero 33-70 &amp; 215-278</i>
Tue, Feb 17	Discussion: The 'Catilinarian Conspiracy' <i>Mellor 77-111; Cicero 71-145</i>
Thu, Feb 19	Mass and elite: How did Roman politics really work? <i>Handouts (Commentariolum Petitionis)</i>
Tue, Feb 24	The Roman household: family, gender and law <i>Mellor 331-339; handouts</i> <b>Paper outlines due</b>
Thu, Feb 26	Aristocratic and popular culture <i>Hopkins 74-96; Cicero 146-164</i>
Tue, Mar 2	Invisible empire? – Rome outside Rome <b>Paper bibliographies due</b>
Thu, Mar 4	The monarchical alternative: Caesar <i>Mellor 114-139; Crawford ch. 15; Lintott 106-111; Plutarch: Pompey &amp; Caesar; Cicero 279-294</i>
Tue, Mar 9	From republic to monarchy <i>Cicero 295-318</i>
Thu, Mar 11	Why did the republican system fail (and the empire survive)? <b>Research papers due</b>

## Course requirements

### 1. Research paper

The research paper counts for 50% of the final grade (if you take this class for 5 units) or for two-thirds of the final grade (if you take this class for 3 or 4 units), and deals with a topic of your choice, provided that it relates to an aspect of Roman history prior to 30 BCE. We will be happy to advise you on the choice of topic and relevant bibliography. Topics should be problem-driven rather than descriptive summaries (i.e., focus on 'how' and 'why' rather than 'what' and 'when'). The paper will consist of 4,000 to 5,000 words of text (excluding the bibliography). Your arguments should ideally be based on your own interpretation of ancient primary sources and take account of divergent views in the secondary literature.

One-page abstracts outlining the general topic and the specific problems and issues to be addressed in the paper must be submitted by Tuesday February 24. Bibliographies of at least five items (including both books *and* journal articles or chapters in edited volumes) that will be used in the paper must be submitted by Tuesday March 2. The paper itself is due on Thursday March 11. All deadlines are final, and no extensions will be granted except in properly documented cases of illness and other emergencies. Papers submitted at a later date will drop one grade and continue to drop a further grade every two weekdays thereafter.

### 2. Midterm assignment

The midterm assignment counts for one-third of the final grade (for 3, 4 or 5 units). The mid-term paper should be *c.* 2,000 words and address the question, 'How democratic was the Roman Republic?' The midterm assignment is due on Tuesday February 10. The same penalties for late submissions apply.

### 3. Class participation

If you take this class for 5 units, you will prepare a critical written report on the readings for one of the sessions (*c.* 1,000 words). This report must be handed in prior to that session and counts for one-sixth of the final grade.

### 4. Sections

Supplementary sections will be offered in the afternoon before and after the mid-term paper and before the final paper. They are designed to help you prepare your papers.

## General bibliography

### General outlines of Roman Republican history and culture:

- M. Crawford, *The Roman Republic* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Harvard University Press, 1993) [set text]
- P. A. Brunt, *Social Conflicts in the Roman Republic* (Chatto & Windus, 1971, repr. 1986) [currently out of print]
- H. H. Scullard, *History of the Roman World, 753-146* (4<sup>th</sup> ed. Routledge, 1991); *From the Gracchi to Nero* (5<sup>th</sup> ed. Routledge, 1990) [detailed but old-fashioned accounts]
- J. Boardman *et al.* (eds.), *The Oxford History of the Roman World* (Oxford University Press, 1986) [Republican period: pp. 13-142]

### Sourcebooks:

- R. Mellor, *The Historians of Ancient Rome: An Anthology of the Major Writings* (Routledge, 1998) [set text; Republican period: pp. 15-354]
- N. Lewis & M. Reinhold, *Roman Civilization, I: The Republic and the Augustan Age* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Columbia University Press, 1990)

### Recommended ancient authors (Penguin Classics):

- Livy, *The Early History of Rome*
- Plutarch, *The Makers of Rome*
- Polybius, *The Rise of the Roman Empire*
- Livy, *The War with Hannibal*
- Plutarch, *Fall of the Roman Republic*
- Cicero, *Selected Political Speeches*
- Cicero, *Selected Letters*
- Appian, *The Civil Wars*
- Caesar, *The Conquest of Gaul*
- Caesar, *The Civil War*

### General reference:

- R. Talbert, *Atlas of classical history* (Routledge, 1985)
- *The Oxford Classical Dictionary*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (Oxford University Press, 1996)

Heavy-duty scholarship: for detailed discussion of the entire period and further bibliography, see *The Cambridge Ancient History* 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. vols. VII 2, VIII, IX (Cambridge University Press, 1989-1994)

Links to relevant websites: [www.tlg.uci.edu/~tlg/index/about.html](http://www.tlg.uci.edu/~tlg/index/about.html)

T. J. Cornell, *The Beginnings of Rome: Italy and Rome from the Bronze Age to the Punic Wars (c. 1000-264 BC)* (1995)

C. J. Smith, *Early Rome and Latium: Economy and Society, c. 1000 to 500 BC* (1995)

M. Pallottino, *A History of Earliest Italy* (1991)

M. Pallottino, *The Etruscans* (1975)

J. Boardman, *The Greeks Overseas* (1980)

Scullard, *History of the Roman World* [see above]

J. Heurgon, *The Rise of Rome* (1973)

- A. Lintott, *The Constitution of the Roman Republic* (1999)  
M. I. Finley, *Politics in the Ancient World* (1983)  
E. S. Staveley, *Greek and Roman Voting and Elections* (1972)
- W. V. Harris, *War and Imperialism in Republican Rome 327-70 B.C.* (1979)  
F. E. Adcock, *The Roman Art of War under the Republic* (1963)
- J.-M. David, *The Roman Conquest of Italy* (1997)  
E. T. Salmon, *Roman Colonisation* (1969)  
T. W. Potter, *Roman Italy* (1987)  
E. S. Gruen, *The Hellenistic World and the Coming of Rome* (1984)
- M. Beard, J. North & S. Price, *Roman Religion, I: A History; II: A Sourcebook* (1998)
- K. Hopkins, *Conquerors and Slaves* (1978)  
P. A. Brunt, *Italian Manpower 225 B.C. – A.D. 14* (1971, rev. ed. 1987)  
J. K. Evans, *War, Women and Children in Republican Rome* (1991)  
E. Gabba, *Republican Rome: The Army and the Allies* (1977)  
M. H. Crawford, *Coinage and Money under the Roman Republic: Italy and the Mediterranean Economy* (1985)  
K. R. Bradley, *Slavery and Rebellion in the Roman World 140 B.C. – 70 B.C.* (1989)
- M. Beard & M. Crawford, *Rome in the Late Republic* (1985)  
E. S. Gruen, *The Last Generation of the Roman Republic* (1974)
- D. L. Stockton, *The Gracchi* (1979)  
E. Badian, *Sulla, the Deadly Reformer* (1970)  
E. Badian, *Roman Imperialism in the Late Republic* (1968)  
R. Seager, *Pompey: A Political Biography* (1969)  
D. L. Stockton, *Cicero: A Political Biography* (1971)
- H. Mouritsen, *Plebs and Politics in Late Republican Rome* (2002)  
A. Yakobson, *Elections and Electioneering in Rome: A Study in the Political System of the Late Republic* (1999)  
F. Millar, *The Crowd in Rome in the Late Republic* (1998)  
C. Nicolet, *The World of the Citizen in Republican Rome* (1980)  
A. Lintott, *Violence in Republican Rome* (1968)
- E. J. Kenney and W. V. Clausen (eds.), *The Cambridge History of Classical Literature II: Latin Literature* (1982), ch. 3-14  
E. Rawson, *Intellectual Life in the Late Roman Republic* (1985)
- J. F. Gardner & T. Wiedemann, *The Roman Household: A Sourcebook* (1991)  
S. Dixon, *The Roman Family* (1992)  
J. F. Gardner, *Women in Roman Law and Society* (1986)  
T. G. Parkin, *Demography and Roman Society* (1992)
- C. Meier, *Caesar* (1996)
- R. Syme, *The Roman Revolution* (1939)  
P. A. Brunt, *The Fall of the Roman Republic* (1988)  
D. Shotter, *The Fall of the Roman Republic* (1994)