This is a preliminary outline. A detailed syllabus will be posted in the winter quarter.

Required texts

- Tacitus, *Agricola and Germany*. Oxford University Press, 1999
- *The Bible*. We strongly recommend *The New Oxford Annotated Bible* (from winter quarter)
- Course Reader [=CR]

Lectures and Readings

**Week 1**   Creating Rome

**Tuesday, April 3**    Phoenicians, Greeks, and Etruscans: the western Mediterranean context

Aubet, ‘Phoenician colonies’ (CR 1)

*Brief History* pp. 1-14

**Thursday, April 5**    Myths & bones: Roman state formation

Livy, *History* (CR 1A)

*The Twelve Tables* (CR 2)

*Brief History* pp. 15-31

**Weeks 2-3**   The sources of social power in Republican Rome

**Tuesday, April 10**    Military power: the Roman war machine and its competitors

Ancient sources on the Punic Wars (CR 3)

Ancient sources on the conquest of the Hellenistic East (CR 4)

Mann pp. 250-259

for further background, try to skim *Brief History* pp. 32-33, 44-77
Thursday, April 12    Political power: assemblies and oligarchs
Polybius, *Histories*, selections (*Rome* #1)
*Brief History* pp. 33-44, 78-82

Tuesday, April 17    Economic power: land, trade and slavery
Cato the Censor, *On Agriculture* (*Rome* #19)
Ancient sources on the Gracchi and land reform (CR 5)
*Brief History* pp. 82-98

Thursday, April 19   Ideological power: a democratic oligarchy?
Quintus Cicero (?), *Handbook on Canvassing* (*Rome* #2)
Suppression of the Bacchic rites (*Rome* #26, pp. 258-260)
for further background, try to skim *Brief History* pp. 99-141

Weeks 4-7       The sources of social power in the Roman imperial monarchy

Tuesday, April 24   Crisis and restoration: the end of the Republic and the creation of a new world order
Ancient sources on Julius Caesar (CR 6)
Augustus, *Records of His Accomplishments* (*Rome* #9)
Tacitus, *Annals* (*Rome* #10)
for further background, try to skim *Brief History* pp. 142-184

Thursday, April 26   Military power: the backbone of empire
Tacitus, *Histories* (*Rome* #11)
Josephus, *The Jewish War* (CR 6A)
Mann pp. 259-282
*Brief History* pp. 189-195, 213, 237 box 11.1

Tuesday, May 1      Political power: rulers of the world
Pliny the Younger, *Panegyric* (*Rome* #12)
Ancient sources on provincial government (*Rome* #14-17)
*Brief History* pp. 184-189, 201-217, 237-246

Thursday, May 3     Ideological power and belief systems I: Religious pluralism and emperor worship
*Brief History* pp. 218-221

Tuesday, May 8      Economic power: the engine of empire
Columella, *On Farming* (*Rome* #20)
The Bible, *Revelation* 18

Thursday, May 10    On the margins of empire
Tacitus, *Agricola*
Tuesday, May 15  Ideological power and belief systems II: Judaism
   Josephus, *The Jewish War* (CR 7)

Thursday, May 17  Ideological power and belief systems III: Christianity
   The Bible, *Matthew 27-28, Acts 9-10, 19, 21-28, Galatians 5-6*
   Pliny the Younger, *Letters (Rome # 26, pp. 260-262)*
   *Brief History* pp. 268-271

Weeks 8-9  Imperial transformations

Tuesday, May 22  Continuity and change: the third and fourth centuries
   Sources on the 3rd century crisis (CR 8)
   Eusebius, *Life of Constantine* (CR 9)
   *Brief History* pp. 273-297

Thursday, May 24  The fall…
   *On Military Matters (Rome #29)*
   Priscus, *History (Rome #31)*
   Mann pp. 283-295

Tuesday, May 29  … and decline of the Roman empire
   Reinhold, ‘Classical influences…’ (CR 10)

Weeks 9-10  Comparative perspectives

Thursday, May 31  The other ancient world empire: China
   Elvin, *The Pattern of the Chinese Past* (CR 11)

Tuesday, June 5  The legacy of the ancient empires