CLASS HIS 103

ROMAN HISTORY, II:
THE EMPIRE

Spring Quarter 2003

Required texts (available at the Stanford Bookstore, and on reserve in Green)

- Tacitus, *Agricola and Germany* (Oxford University Press, 1999)

Recommended texts (on reserve in Green)


Schedule and readings

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Mon, April 14  The economic system  
* Garnsey & Saller 43-103; Cherry #21; handouts

Wed, April 16  Social relations, I: Hierarchy & stratification  
* Garnsey & Saller 107-159; handouts

Fri, April 18  *Social relations, II: Family & gender  
Cherry #3-4, 6-7, 10-12, 15-16; handouts

Mon, April 21  The imperial court, I: ‘The Lives of the Caesars’  
* Wells 95-122, 152-174

Wed, April 23  The imperial court, II: Emperors & aristocrats  
Handouts

Fri, April 25  *The imperial court, III: The Biographical Tradition  
* Mellor 365-416, 493-511; Tacitus, Agricola [again]

Mon, April 28  Cosmopolis: The city of Rome  
Handouts

Wed, April 30  The provincial world, I: The Greek East  
* Stark ch. 7; Cherry #36, 38; handouts

Fri, May 2  The provincial world, II: The Latin West  
* Wells 175-201; Cherry #37; handouts

Mon, May 5  The provincial world, III: What is Romanization?  
Handouts

Midterm assignments due

Wed, May 7  Beyond the borders  
* Tacitus, Germania; handouts

Fri, May 9  Imperial religions: ruler cult and pluralism  
Garnsey & Saller 163-174; Cherry #52; handouts

Mon, May 12  The Jews in the Roman world  
Handouts

Wed, May 14  The creation of Christianity  
Garnsey & Saller 174-177; Stark ch. 1-6; NT Matthew 5-7, 26-28

Fri, May 16  Cult, community, and imperial power: Reactions to early Christianity  
Stark ch. 8-9; NT Acts

Paper outlines due

Mon, May 19  *Readings on early Christianity  
Cherry #53-57; NT Galatians, Ephesians 5-6; handouts
Wed, May 21  Instability and restoration  
*Cameron 1-46; handouts*

Fri, May 23  Constantine and the changing face of Rome  
*Cameron 47-98; handouts*  
**Paper bibliographies due**

Mon, May 26  Memorial Day

Wed, May 28  *The ‘Later’ Roman empire  
*Cameron 99-194; Cherry #8, 32-34, 42; handouts*

Fri, May 30  Decline and Fall? Transformations of the Roman world  
*Handouts*

Mon, June 2  Continuity and Change  
*Handouts*

Wed, June 4  Summation  
**Research papers due**

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**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 units), and deals with a topic of your choice, provided that it relates to an aspect of Roman history after 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 12 to 15 pages of text (double-spaced) plus 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. (The balance between ancient and modern sources should be appropriate to the problem you choose to address, and will vary from topic to topic.)  
One-page abstracts outlining the general topic and the specific problems and issues to be addressed in the paper must be submitted by Friday May 16. 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 Friday May 23. The paper itself is due on Wednesday June 4. 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 25% (for 5 units) or one-third (for 3 units) of the final grade. The mid-term paper should be 6 to 7 pages long, will be based on two Roman emperors’ biographies of your choice (excluding those used in class), and will explore the relationship between historical specificity and topical motifs. The midterm assignment is due on Monday May 5. The same penalties for late submissions apply.
3.  Class participation
If you take this class for 5 units, your report for one of the discussion sessions counts for the remaining 25% of the final grade. Participants will prepare an oral or written report on the readings for one of the sessions marked with *. Oral presentations should be supported by brief handouts.

General bibliography

General outlines of Roman imperial history and culture:
- P. Garnsey & C. Humfress, *The Evolution of the Late Antique World* (Orchard Academic, 2001)
- J. Boardman et al. (eds.), *The Oxford History of the Roman World* (Oxford University Press, 1986) [Imperial period: pp. 146-478]

Sourcebooks:
- M. Maas, *Readings in Late Antiquity: A Sourcebook* (Routledge, 2000)

Recommended ancient authors (Penguin Classics):

General reference:

Heavy-duty scholarship: for detailed discussion of most of this period and up-to-date bibliography, see *The Cambridge Ancient History* 2nd ed. vols. X-XI & XIII-XIV (Cambridge University Press, 1996-2001)

Links to relevant websites: www.tlg.uci.edu/~tlg/index/about.html

Further reading for individual sessions
A. King, *Roman Gaul and Germany* (1990)
J. Wilkes, *Dalmatia* (1969)


R. Lane Fox, *Pagans and Christians* (1986)

E. Schürer, *The History of the Jewish People in the Age of Jesus Christ (175 BC – AD 135)* (rev. ed. 1973-87)

R. MacMullen, *Christianizing the Roman Empire* (1984)
---, *Martyrdom and persecution in the Early Church* (1965)

P. Southern, *The Roman Empire from Severus to Constantine* (2001)

T. Barnes, *Constantine and Eusebius* (1981)
G. Bowersock, *Julian the Apostate* (1978)
A. H. M. Jones, *The Later Roman Empire* (1964)
---, *The World of Late Antiquity* (1971)
---, *The Making of Late Antiquity* (1978)
R. MacMullen, *Soldier and Civilian in the Later Roman Empire* (1963)

P. Heather, *Goths and Romans, 332-489* (1991)
