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)

- A. Lintott, The Roman Republic (Sutton, 2000)
- Plutarch, Fall of the Roman Republic (rev ed., Penguin, 1972)
- K. Hopkins, Conquerors and Slaves: Sociological Studies in Roman History, I (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
                 Crawford ch. 2; Lintott 1-21

Tue, Jan 13   What are we told about early Rome? – The Fabrication of Historical Tradition
                 Mellor 1-5, 147-210; Crawford ch. 1

Thu, Jan 15   Synopsis, c.400-133 BCE: How to build an empire
                 Mellor 233-246; Crawford ch. 4-6; Lintott 12-66

Tue, Jan 20   The constitutional framework: institutions and process
                 Crawford ch. 3, 7, app. 1

Thu, Jan 22   Governing Rome: oligarchy in action
                 Mellor 211-233, then 47-59; handouts
Tue, Jan 27  Roman militarism: continuous ‘just war’
   *Mellor 17-27, 32-47; Crawford app. 2; Hopkins 25-47*

Thu, Jan 29  Roman imperialism: conquest and control
   *Mellor 316-331, 344-354; State of the Union Address 2003; handouts*

Tue, Feb 3  *Religio*: Cult, ideology and symbolic capital
   *Handouts*

Thu, Feb 5  Social and economic change
   *Crawford ch. 9; Hopkins 8-25, 48-74, 99-132*

Tue, Feb 10  Synopsis, 133-60 BCE: patterns of conflict
   *Crawford ch. 10-14; Lintott 67-105*
   **Midterm assignments due**

Thu, Feb 12  Elite competition: conflicts and constraints
   *Mellor 61-75; Plutarch: Marius & Sulla; Cicero 33-70 & 215-278*

Tue, Feb 17  Discussion: The ‘Catilinarian Conspiracy’
   *Mellor 77-111; Cicero 71-145*

Thu, Feb 19  Mass and elite: How did Roman politics really work?
   *Handouts (Commentariolum Petitionis)*

Tue, Feb 24  The Roman household: family, gender and law
   *Mellor 331-339; handouts*
   **Paper outlines due**

Thu, Feb 26  Aristocratic and popular culture
   *Hopkins 74-96; Cicero 146-164*

Tue, Mar 2  Invisible empire? – Rome outside Rome
   **Paper bibliographies due**

Thu, Mar 4  The monarchical alternative: Caesar
   *Mellor 114-139; Crawford ch. 15; Lintott 106-111; Plutarch: Pompey &
   Caesar; Cicero 279-294*

Tue, Mar 9  From republic to monarchy
   *Cicero 295-318*

Thu, Mar 11  Why did the republican system fail (and the empire survive)?
   **Research papers due**
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* (2nd 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]
• J. Boardman et al. (eds.), *The Oxford History of the Roman World* (Oxford University Press, 1986) [Republican period: pp. 13-142]

Sourcebooks:

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:


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

M. Pallottino, *The Etruscans* (1975)

Scullard, *History of the Roman World* [see above]
E. S. Staveley, *Greek and Roman Voting and Elections* (1972)

F. E. Adcock, *The Roman Art of War under the Republic* (1963)

T. W. Potter, *Roman Italy* (1987)


K. Hopkins, *Conquerors and Slaves* (1978)
M. H. Crawford, *Coinage and Money under the Roman Republic: Italy and the Mediterranean Economy* (1985)

M. Beard & M. Crawford, *Rome in the Late Republic* (1985)

E. Badian, *Sulla, the Deadly Reformer* (1970)
E. Badian, *Roman Imperialism in the Late Republic* (1968)

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


R. Syme, *The Roman Revolution* (1939)
D. Shotter, *The Fall of the Roman Republic* (1994)