CLASS HIS 60

THE ROMANS

Spring Quarter 2009
MoWeFr 11-11.50

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


Schedule and readings

Wed, April 1  Introduction: Why Rome?
Fri, April 3  What can we know about early Rome? – Bottom-up perspectives
            *The Romans 1-48*
Mon, April 6  Discussion: What are we told about early Rome? – The fabrication of historical tradition
            *Mellor 1-5, 169-205*
Wed, April 8  Governing Rome
            *The Romans 59-75, 136-140*
Fri, April 10 Discussion: In search of the perfect constitution
              *Mellor 50-63*
Mon, April 13 Roman imperialism
              *The Romans 58-59, 75-135*
Wed, April 15 Social and economic change
              *The Romans 136-165; Mellor 304-312*
Fri, April 17 Belief systems: Cult and ideology
              *Handouts*
Mon, April 20  Discussion: ‘Just war’
   Mellor 215-227, 288-294, 317-320; handouts

Wed, April 22  Discussion: How did Roman politics really work?
   Quintus Cicero (?), Handbook on Canvassing (handout); Mellor 82-115

Fri, April 24  From republic to monarchy: The great transition I
   Mellor 65-79; skim The Romans pp. 166-293

Mon, April 27  From republic to monarchy: The great transition II
   … continue with the previous assignment

Mid-term papers due

Wed, April 29  Governing the Roman empire
   The Romans 295-301, 317-347, 379-391

Fri, May 1  Discussion: The Augustan regime
   Mellor 321-330, 381-426; handouts

Mon, May 4  The military complex
   Romans pp. 301-309, 338-339, 378 box 11.1; Mellor 539-555

Wed, May 6  The provincial world
   The Romans 342-347, 379-390; Mellor 490-497, 531-536; handouts

Fri, May 8  Discussion: Emperors and aristocrats
   Mellor 381-426, 451-471; handouts

Mon, May 11  Beyond the borders
   Handouts

Wed, May 13  Imperial religions: Ruler cult and pluralism
   The Romans 347-351, 391-392

Fri, May 15  The Jews in the Roman world
   Mellor 331-345; handouts

Abstracts due

Mon, May 18  The creation of Christianity
   The Romans 425-430; Mellor 510-514, 536-538; handouts

Wed, May 20  Discussion: Cult, community, and imperial power
   Mellor 510-514, 536-538, 557-574; handouts

Bibliographies due

Fri, May 22  Instability and restoration
   The Romans 431-457; Mellor 557-574

Mon, May 25  Memorial Day
Course requirements

1. Research paper
The research paper counts for 50% of the final grade (if you take this class for 4 or 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. We are happy to advise you on your 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. (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 15. 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 Wednesday May 20. The paper itself is due on Monday June 1. 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 contain c.2,000 words, and will address the question ‘How democratic was the Roman Republic?”. We will provide bibliographical references. The midterm assignment is due on Monday April 27. The same penalties for late submissions apply.

3. Class participation
If you take this class for 4 or 5 units, you will prepare a critical report on the readings for one of the discussion sections. The report counts for one-sixth of the final grade. You may choose between an oral and a written report. Written reports should be c.1,000 words long and must be handed in prior to the relevant session. 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)

Sourcebooks:

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

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*
- Virgil, *The Aeneid*
- Virgil, *The Eclogues*
- Cassius Dio, *The Roman History: The Reign of Augustus*
- Suetonius, *The Twelve Caesars*
- Tacitus, *The Annals of Imperial Rome*
- Tacitus, *The Histories*
- Seneca, *Letters from a Stoic*
- Juvenal, *The Sixteen Satires*
- Martial, *Epigrams*
- Pliny, *The Letters of Pliny the Younger*
- Josephus, *The Jewish War*
- Ammianus Marcellinus, *The Later Roman Empire*
- Augustine, *Confessions*
- Eusebius, *The History of the Church*

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. VII 2, VIII-XIV (Cambridge University Press, 1989-2005)

Links to relevant websites: [www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/)

Further reading

- M. Pallottino, *The Etruscans* (1975)


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)

C. Ando, *Imperial Ideology and Provincial Loyalty in the Roman Empire* (2000)
---, *War and Society in Imperial Rome 31 BC – AD 284* (2002)
A. Birley, *Garrison Life at Vindolanda* (2002), with http://vindolanda.csad.ox.ac.uk


K. Bradley, *Slaves and Masters in the Roman Empire: A Study in Social Control* (1987)

B. Levick, *Tiberius the Politician* (1976)
---, *Claudius* (1990)
K. Wellesley, *The Long Year AD 69* (1975)
---, *Marcus Aurelius* (2000)
---, *Septimius Severus* (1999)

---, *Tacitus* (1958)


J. Wacher (ed.), *The Roman World* (1987)

D. Magie, *Roman Rule in Asia Minor* (1950)

M. Millett, *The Romanization of Britain* (1990)
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)
C. Wickham, *Framing the Early Middle Ages: Europe and the Mediterranean, 400-800* (2005)