

HIST 324: Roman History

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Rationale: The purpose of the course is to familiarize students with ancient Roman history in the Republican and Imperial periods. We will concentrate on political, social, and economic matters, but also consider cultural and intellectual history.

Structure: The course will be structured in four parts of 3-4 weeks each, as follows:

- 1) Foundation through Second Punic War
- 2) Middle Republic through the rise of Augustus
- 3) Golden Age social and cultural history
- 4) Imperial Age through decline and fall.

Grading: There will be four examinations, composed of objective questions (multiple choice, etc.) and essays. Four quizzes given during the semester will provide a fifth grade (that is, the quiz average). The lowest score of these five will be dropped in compiling the final course grade. Students' attendance and participation will be taken into account in borderline cases.

Course Website: This contains detailed syllabi, lecture outlines, grade scale, student code of conduct, and other extremely valuable information.

Required Texts:

Mary Boatwright, et al., *A Brief History of the Romans*, 2nd ed. (NY: Oxford U Pr, 2013).

Jo-Ann Shelton, *As the Romans Did: A Sourcebook in Roman Social History*, 2nd ed. (NY: Oxford U Pr, 1998).