

### CC 305: ROMAN PRIVATE LIFE

#### Required Reading:

J. Carcopino            Daily Life in Ancient Rome  
 Petronius                The Satyricon (trans. William Arrowsmith)  
 Plutarch                 The Fall of the Roman Republic (trans. Rex Warner)  
 Suetonius                The Twelve Caesars (trans. Robert Graves)  
 {Note: I would have preferred to use J. P. V. D. Balsdon. Life and Leisure  
 in Ancient Rome, rather than Carcopino,. but it is no longer in print.]

#### Office Hours:

Waggener 109, MWF 12-1 or by appointment

#### Plan of Course (by Days):

	PREAMBLE	
1	Introduction: the nature and aims of the course	1/20
2	The ancient evidence: its nature, extent, and limitations	1/22
3	Some history as background for the period	1/25
4	Time and space	1/27
	PART I: THE STATIC SOCIETY AND ITS COMPONENTS	
5	Cultures and cultural conditioning	1/29
6	The "Ages of Man": patterns and expectations	2/1
7	Tradition and progress: forwards or backwards?	2/3
8	Continuity: fathers and family units	2/5
9	Woman as wife and mother	2/8
10	Children and education	2/10
11	Emancipated women and the "jet set"	2/12
12	Sex objects: concubines, courtesans, prostitutes	2/15
13	"Deviants", homosexual and heterosexual	2/17
14	<b>QUIZ THE FIRST</b>	2/19
15	Legal criteria: slaves. slavery and freedmen	2/22
16	Romans and foreigners: racism and ethnocentrism	2/24
	PART II: AS GOOD AS IT GETS	
17	The way it was: daily routine	2/26
18	Upper class occupations: senators and knights	3/1
19	The lower classes in the towns: "mobs" and jobs	3/3
20	Houses and Apartments, I: the setting	3/5
21	Houses and Apartments, II: the specifics	3/15
22	The environment and its pollution	3/17

23	Getting away from it all: travel	3/19
24	Life in the country: villas and their owners	3/22
25	Threats to person and property: crime	3/24
26	Threats to the constitution: food and drink	3/26
27	Threats to the health: diseases and doctors	3/29
28	Death and burial	3/31
29	<i>Good Friday</i>	4/2

### PART III: COMFORTS AND CONSOLATIONS

30	<b>QUIZ THE SECOND</b>	4/5
31	The set-up of Roman religion	4/7
32	Predicting events: prophecy, astrology, necromancy	4/9
33	Influencing events: magic and sorcery	4/12
34	The eastern cults and their offerings	4/14
35	Early Christianity	4/16
36	The non-attractions of philosophies	4/19
37	In the here and now: sports, games, amusements	4/21
38	Unorganized sports and diversions	4/23
39	Organized violence: athletics	4/26
40	On the stage: drama, mime, pantomime	4/28
41	In the arena, I: animal displays and animal hunts	4/30
42	In the arena, II: gladiators	5/3
43	Round and round: chariot racing	5/5
44	Summation: "in the midst of life"	5/7

### Examination Policy / Requirements

In addition to the final exam, which will be held at its officially scheduled time on the morning of Monday, May 17 and will run for 2 hrs. 15 mins. only (9.00-11.15 a.m.), there will be two quizzes, each one hour long, during the semester (Feb. 19; April 5). A student's grade for the course will be determined by performance on the quizzes and the final. Each quiz counts for 25%, the final for 50%. I urge you to note that on this system **to fail the final is to fail the course**. Students will be given essay questions only. Each quiz will require you to answer 2 essays from a choice of 5. On the final examination you will need to answer 3 essays from a choice of seven (45 mins. each).