Introduction to Ancient Rome (CC f302)

Course Details

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Required Texts:

Boatwright, Gargola & Talbert, A Brief History of the Romans (Oxford: OUP)
Kleiner, F. S. A History of Roman Art (Wadsworth)
Additional primary texts (e.g. Livy, Polybius; online)

Description:

The history of Ancient Rome constitutes one of the critical and focal periods of European and World History. From a tiny and seemingly insignificant community in the Italian peninsula to the administrative center of a massive and unprecedented Mediterranean Empire for more than half a millennium, Rome has left an indelible impression on European society, politics and culture. Understanding the history of Rome is fundamental to any student not only hoping to gain a greater knowledge of the ancient world, but human history even to the present day.

This course overviews the narrative, themes and study of Roman history and society, covering the period from the foundation of the city to late antiquity. Through examination of contemporary texts and material, combined with readings of modern scholarship, the aim of the class is to provide the student with a thorough introduction of its political and cultural history, with a look to further study of the ancient world, as well as a greater comprehension of Rome’s unique place in world history. In two midterms and a final, students will also be expected to consolidate information learned in class lectures to present a general knowledge of Roman history, an ability to identify important products of Rome’s literary and material output, and articulate issues central to the study of the field.

Course Structure and Grading

Final Grade Weighting

The entire course grade will comprise the two midterms (worth total 70%; the better will be worth 40%, the worse 30%) and a final (30%). Students will also have the opportunity to earn extra credit, in the form of a short paper (5%), due Friday July 1st, and an attendance and participation score (5%), reflecting excellent attendance (less than four absences) and a willingness to contribute to class discussions. There will be no make-up exams except for stringent and well-documented circumstances such as a major medical emergency.

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The pass/fail score is 75; the credit/no credit score is 65.
Exam Dates
Midterm 1  Monday June 13th
Midterm 2  Monday June 27th
Final     Friday July 8th

Attendance
Attendance is absolutely mandatory only for the exams, and absence in these cases must be
excused in the proper manner (see below). However, attendance will be observed in the class for
the purposes of extra credit, and excessive absence will also be noted, such that any student
compulsively missing class will be served a warning, after which unexcused absences will
constitute a 2% drop in the student’s final score.

An absence may be excused for the following reasons ONLY: a religious holiday, medical
reasons as documented by a visit to a doctor's office or Student Health Services, team
competitions that require a student to be out of town (for which students should have the proper
paperwork), or for family emergencies certified by the Dean of Students. In other instances
students should plan for and take advantage of their three “free” absences. Generally, both student
and instructor are expected to understand and comply with university regulations on these
matters. For more information, contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 471-6259, 471-4641
TTY.

In the event of a missed quiz or test, or if a student has special requirements for taking a test
outside of class hours, he or she is expected to alert the instructor at the earliest possible
opportunity. In the event of an assignment missed or postponed for a legitimate reason, the
student typically has a full week to make up the assignment before receiving a zero for that
assignment. In general, students are always expected to take responsibility for their own work,
and should always inform the instructor if any material will be missed as soon as possible.

Other Resources
The syllabus, daily PowerPoint presentations, and all additional readings and materials will be
made available on Blackboard. Grades will be posted on Blackboard, and students are encouraged
to take responsibility for their own grades on a regular basis to ensure their accuracy.

University policies
I abide by all UT policies.

Scholastic dishonesty includes any kind of cheating on any graded assignment. It will result in an
F for this course, which you then may not drop. For questions about scholastic dishonesty, see the
General Information catalogue, Appendix C, Section 11-802
(http://www.utexas.edu/student/registrar/catalogs/gi03-04/app/appc11.html#11-802).

The University of Texas at Austin provides upon request appropriate academic accommodations
for qualified students with academic disabilities. For more information, contact the Office of the
Dean of Students at 471-6259 or 471-4641 or online at

If class must be missed due to the observance of a religious holiday, please provide proper
notification at least fourteen days prior to the intended day(s) of absence. For more details, see