

HIS 354R
The Roman Republic

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This course surveys Roman history from the origins of Rome to the assassination of Julius Caesar--a period of more than seven centuries. The two major themes of the course are 1) the rise of Rome to rule over the entire Mediterranean world and 2) the changes wrought upon Roman society by Roman success. We will first examine the origins of Rome, the evolution of the Roman constitution, and the acquisition of Roman dominion over Italy (the Early Republic). Then, we will follow the story of Rome's rise to world power (the Middle Republic). Finally, we will trace the decline of Republican institutions as a result of the internal pressures generated by Roman responsibility for the Mediterranean world (the Late Republic).

There will be three examinations, each counting 25% of the final grade, and a paper (topic to be discussed), counting 25% of the final grade.

Books required

Heichelheim, Yeo, and Ward, A History of the Roman People (HYW)
Lewis and Reinhold, Roman Civilization, vol.I (RC)
Sallust, The Jugurthine War and the Conspiracy of Catiline
Plutarch, Fall of the Roman Republic (P)
Lucretius, On the Nature of the Universe

Schedule of Lectures/Readings

Early Republic

8/14	Introduction	
8/16	Geography and Prehistory	HYW 1-7
8/18	Etruscans	HYW 8-18
8/21	Greeks in Italy	HYW 19-21
8/23	Earliest Rome	HYW 22-27
8/25	Etruscan Rome	HYW 27-34;LR 55-73
8/28	From Monarchy to Republic	HYW 48-55,35-47;
8/30	Romans and Latins	HYW 66-77;LR 74,78- 81,90-93
9/1	Romans and Samnites	LR 81-85; 88-90,143- 147
9/6	Pyrrhus and Southern Italy	HYW 77-80; LR 85-88
9/8	Struggle of the Orders I	HYW 55-65;LR 96-98, 102-116,118-119
9/11	Struggle of the Orders II	LR 124-132
9/13	The Republican Constitution	LR 410-417

9/15 FIRST EXAM

Middle Republic

9/18	First Punic War	HYW 81-90; LR 75-78
9/20	Aftermath	HYW 91-96; LR 161-163
9/22	Rome and Illyria	HYW 96-99
9/25	Origins of the Second Punic War	HYW 100-102
9/27	Second Punic War	HYW 102-110
9/29	Rome and the East, 200-180 B.C.	HYW 111-119
10/2	Rome and the East, 179-133 B.C.	HYW 119-123
10/4	Rome and the West, 200-133 B.C.	HYW 124-130
10/6	Provincial Administration	
10/11	Cultural Developments	HYW 144-154
10/13	Politics	HYW 140-143
10/16	Aspects of Roman Culture	

10/18 SECOND EXAM

Late Republic

10/20	Economic and Social Problems	HYW 130-140;
10/23	Gracchan Crisis I	HYW 155-162
10/25	Gracchan Crisis II	HYW 162-166
10/27	Age of Marius	HYW 167-177, P 13-45
10/30	Italic War	HYW 177-180
11/1	Civil War	HYW 181-185, P 45-63
11/3	Sulla	HYW 185-189, P 65-111
11/6	Rise of Pompey	HYW 190-198; P 113-129, 157-206
11/8	Cicero	HYW 198-208; P 311-336
11/10	First Triumvirate	HYW 209-212; P 243-258
11/13	Caesar in Gaul	HYW 212-217, P 258-271
11/15	Politics in the 50s B.C.	HYW 218-220; P 206-219, 336-348;
11/17	Toward the Rubicon	HYW 220-221; P 272-276
11/20	Civil War	HYW 222-226; P 219-242, 275-296
11/27	Intellectual Developments	HYW 249-269; <u>Lucretius, On the Nature of the Universe</u>
11/29	Dictatorship of Caesar	HYW 227-229
12/1	Death of Caesar	HYW 229-231; P 296-310
12/4	Retrospect and Prospect	
12/?	FINAL EXAM	