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 3 papers (topics to be assigned), counting altogether 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*

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