

**HIS 354  
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 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**

### **Schedule of Lectures/Readings**

#### **Early Republic**

<b>8/20</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	
<b>8/22</b>	<b>Geography and Prehistory</b>	<b>HYW 1-7; LR 51-53</b>
<b>8/24</b>	<b>Etruscans</b>	<b>HYW 8-18; LR 53-55</b>
<b>8/27</b>	<b>Greeks in Italy</b>	<b>HYW 19-21</b>
<b>8/29</b>	<b>Earliest Rome</b>	<b>HYW 22-27</b>
<b>8/31</b>	<b>Etruscan Rome</b>	<b>HYW 27-34;LR 55-73</b>
<b>9/3</b>	<b>Holiday</b>	
<b>9/5</b>	<b>From Monarchy to Republic</b>	<b>HYW 48-55, 35-47</b>
<b>9/7</b>	<b>Romans and Latins</b>	<b>HYW 66-77;LR 74,78-81, 90-93</b>
<b>9/10</b>	<b>Romans and Samnites</b>	<b>LR 81-85; 88-90,143-147</b>
<b>9/12</b>	<b>Pyrrhus and Southern Italy</b>	<b>HYW 77-80; LR 85-88</b>

9/14 Struggle of the Orders I HYW 55-65;LR 96-98,  
102-116,118-119  
9/17 Struggle of the Orders II LR 124-132  
9/19 The Republican Constitution LR 410-417; Paper #1 Due

9/21 FIRST EXAM

### Middle Republic

9/24 First Punic War HYW 81-90; LR 75-78, 159-161  
9/26 Aftermath HYW 91-96; LR 161-163  
9/28 Rome and Illyria HYW 96-99  
10/1 Origins of the Second Punic War HYW 100-102;  
10/3 Second Punic War HYW 102-110; LR 163-182  
10/5 Rome and the East, 200-180 B.C. HYW 111-119; LR 182-194  
10/8 Rome and the East, 179-133 B.C. HYW 119-123; LR 195-205, 209-210  
10/10 Rome and the West, 200-133 B.C. HYW 124-130; LR 206-208  
10/12 Provincial Administration  
10/15 Fall Break  
10/17 Cultural Developments HYW 144-154; Paper #2 Due  
10/19 Politics HYW 140-143  
10/22 Aspects of Roman Culture LR 474-496, 507-529

10/24 SECOND EXAM

### Late Republic

10/26 Economic and Social Problems HYW 130-140; LR 241-250  
10/29 Gracchan Crisis I HYW 155-162; LR 251-256  
10/31 Gracchan Crisis II HYW 162-166; LR 256-267  
11/2 Age of Marius HYW 167-177; LR 269-283; P 13-45;  
*Sallust, The Jugurthine War*  
11/5 Italic War HYW 177-180; LR 283-287  
11/7 Civil War HYW 181-185; LR 289-291; P 45-63  
11/9 Sulla HYW 185-189; P 65-111  
11/12 Rise of Pompey HYW 190-198; LR 305-306; 347-355  
113-129, 157-206  
11/14 Cicero/Lucretius HYW 198-208; LR 529-535;  
311- 336; Lucretius, *On  
the Nature of the Universe*  
11/16 First Triumvirate HYW 209-212; P 243-258  
11/19 Politics in the 50s B.C. HYW 212-217, P 258-271; Paper #3  
Due  
11/21-23 Thanksgiving Holiday  
11/26 Civil War HYW 218-226; P 206-219, 272-296, 336-  
348, 219-242  
11/28 Intellectual Developments HYW 249-269

**11/30 Dictatorship of Caesar**

**HYW 227-229; LR 306-309**

**12/3 Death of Caesar**

**HYW229-231; P 296-310**

**12/10 FINAL EXAM 8-11 a.m.**