

CLCS 383: CULTURE AND SOCIETY OF IMPERIAL ROME
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PRELIMINARY SYLLABUS JAN. 2024

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REQUIRED TEXTS (ALL AVAILABLE ONLINE):

William C. Morey, Outlines of Roman History

Sir William Smith, Smaller History of Rome ([https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uc1.\\$b196000&seq=23](https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uc1.$b196000&seq=23))

Rauh, CLCS 181 Website: Classical World Civilizations

(http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~rauhn/Hist_416/hist420/HIST420_INDEX.htm)

Packback Assignments (you must purchase Packback access; see below)

Required but Available on line:

Suetonius, Lives of the Twelve Caesars

Juvenal, Satires

Petronius, The Satyricon

New Testament. (Gospel of John)

PURPOSE OF COURSE: To examine developments from the Augustan Settlement to the end of the Roman Empire (27 B.C.-476 A.D.), and to explore aspects of cultural and social life throughout the Mediterranean at that time. We will devote the first third of the semester to historical and constitutional developments at Rome (the problems of imperial rule) through the Julio-Claudian Dynasty (27 B.C. through 69-70 A.D.). The second third of the semester will focus upon economic, social, religious, and urban life under the Flavian and Antonine Emperors (70-180 A.D.). The final third of the semester will focus on developments in the Late Roman Empire (Germanic migrations, the Rise of Christianity, the founding of Constantinople, the Fall of the Roman Empire). The course focuses extensively on the archaeological remains of the Roman world.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: Reading assignments (200 pp/week), weekly Packback assignments (10 minimum); 3 in-class quizzes, MIDTERM AND FINAL EXAM

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Attendance in this class will be monitored on a regular basis in order to gauge overall student performance. Attendance will be determined by demand for Review Sheets. **MAXIMUM EXCUSED ABSENCES 3, EVERY ABSENCE AFTERWARD, 1.5 POINT DEDUCTION FROM FINAL GRADE AVERAGE.** Periodic in-class exercises will be used to accomplish this. Attendance exercises will NOT be announced in advance. **NO MAKE UPS ARE POSSIBLE FOR THESE EXERCISES. TO OBTAIN THE CREDIT YOU MUST ATTEND THE CLASS WHEN THEY ARE ASSIGNED.**

GRADE DISTRIBUTION: Packback questions (minimum of 10) 10%, 2 QUIZZES 20% EACH; Midterm and Final Exams 25% EACH

Packback Requirements: Your participation on Packback will count toward 10% of your overall course grade. Submissions for each week are due on SUNDAY 11:59 PM In order to receive full credit, you should submit the following per each deadline period: 2. Insert your class's posting requirements per deadline period here - you can find this info in your Packback Community for reference! (<https://app.packback.co/my->

communities/upcoming-communities) 3. Ex: 1 Question, worth 1 pt, 2 responses, worth .5 pts each (2 POINTS TOTAL PER ASSIGNMENT, EQUALLING 1% OF FINAL GRADE EACH; MAXIMUM 20 POINTS/2 = 10% OF FINAL GRADE]. All posts must achieve a minimum of 60 Curiosity Points to receive full credit.

PLEASE NOTE: The Packback assignment is intended to be topical and to address the materials covered week by week in class. THERE ARE NO MAKE-UPS FOR PACKBACK ASSIGNMENTS. The portal for each week's assignment closes on Sunday. However, the Packback assignment is available every week of the semester (16 deadlines). You need to complete 10 of 16 to obtain full credit for the assignment. Those who complete more than 10 will receive 5 extra credit EXAM points per assignment in excess of 10)

How to Register on Packback: Note: Only access Packback through Brightspace in order to ensure your grades sync properly.

- Click "Packback" within [Brightspace => Content => Packback Questions] to access the community.
- Follow the instructions on your screen to finish your registration.
- In order for your grade to be visible in Brightspace, make sure to only access Packback via Brightspace Packback requires a \$39 paid subscription.

How to Get Help from the Packback Team: If you have any questions or concerns about Packback throughout the semester, please read their FAQ at help.packback.co. If you need more help, contact their customer support team directly at help@packback.co. For a brief introduction to Packback Questions and why we are using it in class, watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OV7QmigrD68>

Roman Empire, web links

TEXTBOOK: William C. Morey, Outlines of Roman History: On line Roman History Testbook (1901); Sir William Smith, Smaller History of Rome ([https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uc1.\\$b196000&seq=23](https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uc1.$b196000&seq=23)); R. Syme, The Roman Revolution, pdf download (<https://archive.org/details/in.ernet.dli.2015.73667>); **History 102 On-line Lectures: Archaic Rome, The Roman Constitution, The Roman Aristocratic Ethos, Roman Imperialism The Fall of the Roman Republic, Dictators and Emperors, The Pax Romana, Late Philosophical Developments, Augustan "Flow Chart"; Augustan Settlement Notes; Tiberius Notes, Claudius Notes, Nero Notes, Women's Notes, Civic Life Notes, Notes to Religion lecture; Religion table, Fall of Roman Empire Notes; Diocletian; Germanic Invasions; Rise of Christianity**

On Line Resources: Perseus Classical Library, including Suetonius, the Lives of the 12 Caesars; Tacitus, The Annals (<https://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Roman/Texts/Tacitus/home.html>) Tacitus, The Histories (<https://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Roman/Texts/Tacitus/home.html>) The Private Life of the Romans by Harold Whetstone Johnston, <http://www.forumromanum.org/life/johnston.html> Forum Romanum Digital Library of Latin Texts (including translations), <http://www.forumromanum.org/literature/table.html> Nikolaos of Damascus, Life of Augustus, <http://www.csun.edu/~hcfl1004/nicolaus.html> Plutarch's Lives (all of the assigned lives are posted here, the life of Caesar is unfortunately truncated), <http://classics.mit.edu/Browse/browse-Plutarch.html> Suetonius, Divus Julius, <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/ancient/suetonius-julius.html>

CURRENT SCHEDULE OF DEADLINES:

- QUIZ 1, THURSDAY FEB. 1
- MID-TERM TAKE-HOME EXAM, TUESDAY MARCH 5
- QUIZ 2 TUESDAY APRIL 4
- FINAL EXAM TBA (to posted on brightspace; DUE WED. MAY 1)

COURSE SCHEDULE

PART ONE -- FORMATION OF THE PRINCIPATE

JAN. 9- 11: Introduction; Review of the Roman Republic. Review Morley chapters 1-26; Smith, chapters 26-37; History 102 On-line Lectures: Archaic Rome, The Roman Constitution, The Roman Aristocratic Ethos, Smith, 116-124

JAN. 16-18: History 102 On-line Lectures: Roman Imperialism; Smith, 68-112

JAN. 23 - 25: History 102 On-line Lectures: The Fall of the Roman Republic, Dictators and Emperors; Suetonius, Life of Julius Caesar; Smith, 148-250

JAN. 30 - FEB. 1: The Augustan Settlement. Morley chapters 23-24; Smith, 252-284; Suetonius, life of Augustus; Augustan "Flow Chart"; Augustan Settlement Notes; Syme, Roman Revolution, 97-123, 187-201, 276-331, 389-419

QUIZ 1: THURS, FEB 1

FEB. 6 – 15: The Reign of Tiberius. Suet. Life of Tiberius; RECOMMENDED: Tacitus, Annals 3-227 (On Reserve). Morley, The Julians (on line textbook)

Feb. 20-22: Reign of Caligula. Suet. Life of Gaius, Morley, Chapter 24.

FEB. 27-29: Reigns of Claudius and Nero. Suet. Lives of Claudius & Nero; The Julians; Morley, chapter 24, Tac. Ann. TBA.

MIDTERM EXAM IN CLASS TUESDAY MARCH 5

MAR 7: The Year of Four Emperors and the Flavian Emperors. Read Suet. Lives of Vespasian, Titus, Domitian and one of the following: Galba, Otho, or Vitellius; Morley, chapter 25; Tacitus, Histories, Books II-III.

NO CLASSES THURSDAY MAR. 12-14 (spring break)

PART TWO -- SOCIETY AND CULTURE UNDER THE ANTONINES

MAR 19-21: RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY IN THE ROMAN EMPIRE; Read the Gospel of John, Acts of the Apostles; Juvenal, Satire 7, 13;

MAR 26-28: SEXUALITY AND GENDER RELATIONS; Petronius, the Satyricon; Juvenal, Satires, 2, 6, 11;

APRIL 2-4: THE ANTONINES; LIVING CONDITIONS IN ROME AND THE EMPIRE; LAW AND ECONOMY; CULTURAL HOMOGENEITY; I, Morley, chapter 26; Smith, 306-316; Antonine Notes; The Private Life of the Romans by Harold Whetstone Johnston, <http://www.forumromanum.org/life/johnston.html>; Juvenal, Satires 3, 5, 8, 12, 15; I,

QUIZ 2, THURSDAY APRIL 4

PART THREE -- THE LATER ROMAN EMPIRE

APRIL 9-11: THE THIRD CENTURY CRISIS, IMPERIAL REORGANIZATION; DIOCLETIAN and CONSTANTINE. Morley, chapter 27-28; Smith, 316-343; On Line aids, Late Empire, Reorganization of Empire, Fall of Roman Empire Notes; Diocletian.

APRIL 16-18, THE RISE OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH; GERMANIC INVASIONS, KINGDOMS, AND JUSTINIAN'S RECONQUEST. Morley, chapters 28-29; Smith, 316-343; on line aid, Rise of Christianity, chapter 29; Germanic Invasions; Fall of the West

APRIL 23-25, NO CLASS, prepare for online final.

FINAL EXAM TO BE POSTED ON BRIGHTSPACE, DUE WED. MAY 1, 11:59 PM.