

ANCIENT ROME: AENEAS TO AUGUSTUS


HIST/CAMS 3325

MWF 1115-1205 // FSB 216

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 WOOD HALL 230

MWF 10-11 & by appt.

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Required Texts

M. Crawford, *The Roman Republic*. 2nd edition. Harvard Univ. 1993. ISBN 978-0674779273
Livy, *The Rise of Rome: Books 1-5*. T.J. Luce, trans. Oxford 2009. ISBN 978-0199540044
Plutarch, *The Rise of Rome*. C. Pelling and I. Scott-Kilvert, trans. Revised edition. Penguin 2017.
ISBN 978-0140449754
Plutarch, *Roman Lives*. R. Waterfield, trans. Oxford 2009. ISBN 978-0199537389
Sallust, *Catiline's Conspiracy, The Jugurthine War, Histories*. W.W. Batstone, trans. Oxford
2010. ISBN 978-0192823458

The Course

The purpose of this course is to introduce you the history and culture of one of the most influential and long-lasting civilizations of the Western world. Within a few centuries, Rome grew from a small hill-top settlement to the dominant empire of the ancient Mediterranean, and the way they thought and behaved (and the way they are *believed* to have thought and behaved) still shapes the way peoples all over the world act, in ways we might not recognize and in ways we might not like. You will learn not only what their history was, but also what it wasn't: our sources are limited, and often represent only one view, so you will learn how to read and question sources. Along the way, you will also understand how history gets made, both by the people who lived it and the people who wrote it.

Requirements & Grading

Class Participation 30%

You are expected to come to class prepared to take an active role in class discussions. ***No electronic devices or any kind are allowed, and must not be visible.***

Short Writing Assignments 25%

There will be 5 short writing assignments (750 words max.) over the course of the semester. The purpose of these assignments is to encourage your own independent and critical engagement with the readings; no secondary material or resources are permitted. You will be graded on the quality of your answer as well as spelling and grammar. Assignments are due **Sunday at midnight**; late assignments will not be accepted for any reason.

Quizzes 30%

Over the course of the semester there will be multiple-choice quizzes at the beginning of class. These quizzes will not be announced beforehand. ***Quizzes missed for any reason will receive a 0.***

Final Exam 15%

The exams will likely consist of short essay questions, much like the prompts for the short writing assignments, though we will discuss the format near the end of the semester.

Some Fine but Important Print

If you have a need for accommodations in this course, please contact me during the first week of class or contact the Center for Student Disabilities (csd.uconn.edu). And if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know or come to talk to me.

Schedule

[+ indicates a text you need to bring to class]

WEEK 1 The Traditions of History

- 8.27 M** Intro: "The Capitoline Lupa"
- 8.29 W** Crawford, Ch. I: The Sources (pp. 5-15)
Crawford, Ch. II: Italy & Rome (pp. 16-21)
- 8.31 F** +Livy, "Preface" (*Rise of Rome*, pp. 3-4)

WEEK 2 Foundations

- 9.03 M** NO CLASS
- 9.05 W** +Plutarch, *Romulus* (*Rise of Rome*, pp. 10-47)
- 9.07 F** +Livy, Book 1.1-29 (*Rise of Rome*, pp. 5-37)

WEEK 3 The Regal Period

- 9.10 M** +Plutarch, *Life of Numa* (*Rise of Rome*, pp. 61-91)
- 9.12 W** +Livy, Book 1.30-48 (*Rise of Rome*, pp. 37-57)
- 9.14 F** +Livy, Book 1.49-56 (*Rise of Rome*, pp. 58-66)

➡ **Writing Assignment 1 due Sun. 9.16 at midnight**

WEEK 4 The Rise of the Republic

- 9.17 M** Crawford, Ch. III: The Roman Governing Classes (pp. 22-31)
+Livy Book 1.56-60; Book 2.1-15 (*Rise of Rome*, pp. 66-87)
- 9.19 W** +Plutarch, *Life of Publicola* (*Rise of Rome*, pp. 105-129)
- 9.22 F** +Livy, Book 2.23-40 (*Rise of Rome*, pp. 93-113)

WEEK 5 Patricians & Plebeians

- 9.24 M** +Plutarch, *Life of Coriolanus* (*Rise of Rome*, pp. 146-187)
- 9.26 W** +Livy, Book 3.33-58 (*Rise of Rome*, pp. 173-201)
- 9.28 F** +Twelve Tables (PDF on Husky CT)
Crawford, Ch. IV: The Conquest of Italy (pp. 31-42)

➡ **Writing Assignment 2 due Sun. 9.30 at midnight**

WEEK 6 External Threats

- 10.01 M** +Plutarch, *Life of Camillus* (*Rise of Rome*, pp. 200-244)
- 10.03 W** +Livy, Book 5.34-55 (*Rise of Rome*, pp. 318-341)
- 10.05 F** Crawford, Ch. V: From Italian Power to Mediterranean Power (pp. 43-56); Ch. VI: The Conquest of the East (pp. 57-69)

WEEK 7

- 10.08 M** +Plutarch, *Life of Fabius Maximus* (*Rise of Rome*, pp. 256-288)
- 10.10 W** +Plutarch, *Life of Marcellus* (*Rise of Rome*, pp. 304-340)
- 10.12 F** +Plutarch, *Life of Titus Flamininus* (*Rise of Rome*, pp. 450-472)

➡ **Writing Assignment 3 due Sun. 10.14 at midnight**

WEEK 8

- 10.15 M** Crawford, Ch. VII: The Consequences of Empire—The Governing Classes (pp. 70-79); Ch. VIII: The Imperial Power (pp. 80-94)
- 10.17 W** +Plutarch, *Cato the Elder* (*Roman Lives*, pp. 8-35)
- 10.19 F** +Plutarch, *Aemilius Paullus* (*Roman Lives*, pp. 42-76)

WEEK 9 Crisis & Conflict

- 10.22 M** Crawford, Ch. IX: The Consequences of Empire—The Governed (pp. 95-106); Ch. X: Reform & Revolution (pp. 107-112); Ch. XI: Rome & Italy (pp. 113-122)
- 10.24 W** +Plutarch, *Tiberius & Gaius Gracchus* 1-21 (*Roman Lives*, pp. 83-100)
- 10.26 F** +Plutarch, *Tiberius & Gaius Gracchus* 22(1)-40(19) (*Roman Lives*, pp. 100-115)

WEEK 10

- 10.29 M** Crawford, Ch. XII: The End of Consensus (pp. 123-137)
+Plutarch, *Marius* (*Roman Lives*, pp. 116-168)
- 10.31 W** +Sallust, *The Jugurthine War* 1-54 (pp. 52-88)
- 11.02 F** +Sallust, *The Jugurthine War* 55-114 (pp. 89-127)

➡ **Writing Assignment 4 due Sun. 11.04 at midnight**

WEEK 11

- 11.05 M** Crawford, Ch. XIII: The World Turned Upside Down (pp. 138-153)
+Plutarch, *Sulla* 1-19 (*Roman Lives*, pp. 175-197)
- 11.07 W** +Plutarch, *Sulla* 20-38 (*Roman Lives*, pp. 197-215)
- 11.09 F** Crawford, Ch. XIV: The Embattled Oligarchy (pp. 154-169)
+Sallust, *Histories* 55 (48), 77 (67), 69 (67) (pp. 135-141, 150-153)

WEEK 12

11.12 M +Plutarch, *Pompey* 1-46 (*Roman Lives*, pp. 223-264)

11.14 W +Plutarch, *Pompey* 47-80 (*Roman Lives*, pp. 265-296)

11.16 F Crawford, Ch. XV: The Military Dynasts (pp. 170-186)

👉 **Writing Assignment 5 due Sun. 11.18 at midnight.**

WEEK 13 THANKSGIVING

WEEK 14 Caesar & Civil War

11.26 M +Sallust, *Catiline's Conspiracy* (pp. 10-47)
+Plutarch, *Caesar* 1-8 (*Roman Lives*, pp. 297-308)

11.28 W +Plutarch, *Caesar* 9-48 (*Roman Lives*, pp. 209-341)

11.30 F +Plutarch, *Caesar* 49-69 (*Roman Lives*, pp. 341-359)

WEEK 15 After the Ides

12.03 M +Plutarch, *Antony* 1-54 (*Roman Lives*, pp. 365-406)

12.05 W +Plutarch, *Antony* 55-87 (*Roman Lives*, pp. 406-430)

12.07 F **Review**