

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).

HIS 354R is a research-intensive course (analogous to a writing intensive course), designed to introduce students to the research process. This is accomplished by special assignments which 2)compel students to observe the role of research in historiography and 2) lead students through various stages of the research process. The research assignments are grouped into 3 units which correspond to the three divisions of the course itself. Part 1 concerns how to ask research questions. Part 2 deals with assembling and assessing bibliography. Part 3 involves developing an individual research project.

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. Completion of the research assignments is required for course credit.

### Books required

Heichelheim, Yeo, and Ward, A History of the Roman People (HYW)  
Sallust, The Jugurthine War and the Conspiracy of Catiline  
Plutarch, Fall of the Roman Republic  
Lucretius, On the Nature of the Universe

### Schedule of Lectures/Readings

#### **Early Republic**

8/19	Introduction	
8/21	Geography and Prehistory	HYW 1-7
8/23	Etruscans	HYW 8-18
8/26	Greeks in Italy	HYW 19-21
8/28	Earliest Rome	HYW 22-27
8/30	Etruscan Rome	HYW 27-34
9/4	From Monarchy to Republic	HYW 48-55, 35-47
9/6	Romans and Latins	HYW 66-77
9/9	Romans and Samnites	

- 9/11 Mandatory session on library research Jackson Library/ Electronic CITI  
 9/13 Pyrrhus and Southern Italy HYW 77-80  
 9/16 Struggle of the Orders HYW 55-65  
 9/18 The Republican Constitution

9/20 FIRST EXAM

### **Middle Republic**

- 9/23 First Punic War HYW 81-90  
 9/25 Aftermath HYW 91-96  
 9/27 Rome and Illyria HYW 96-99  
 9/30 Origins of the Second Punic War HYW 100-102  
 10/2 Second Punic War HYW 102-110  
 10/4 Rome and the East, 200-180 B.C. HYW 111-119  
 10/7 Rome and the East, 179-133 B.C. HYW 119-123  
 10/9 Rome and the West, 200-133 B.C. HYW 124-130  
 10/11 Provincial Administration  
 10/14 Cultural Developments HYW 144-154  
 10/16 Politics HYW 140-143  
 10/18 Aspects of Roman Culture

10/21 SECOND EXAM

### **Late Republic**

- 10/23 Economic and Social Problems HYW 130-140;  
 10/25 Gracchan Crisis I HYW 155-162  
 10/28 Gracchan Crisis II HYW 162-166  
 10/30 Age of Marius HYW 167-177, P 13-45  
 11/1 Italic War HYW 177-180  
 11/4 Civil War HYW 181-185, P 45-63  
 11/6 Sulla HYW 185-189, P 65-111  
 11/13 Rise of Pompey HYW 190-198; P 113-129, 157-206  
 11/15 Cicero HYW 198-208; P 311-336  
 11/17 First Triumvirate HYW 209-212; P 243-258  
 11/20 Caesar in Gaul HYW 212-217, P 258-271  
 11/27 Politics in the 50s B.C. HYW 218-220; P 206-219, 336-348;  
 11/29 Toward the Rubicon HYW 220-221; P 272-276  
 12/1 Civil War HYW 222-226; P 219-

12/4	Intellectual Developments	242, 275-296 HYW 249-269; Lucretius, <u>On the Nature of the Universe</u>
12/6	Dictatorship of Caesar	HYW 227-229
12/8	Death of Caesar	HYW 229-231; P 296- 310
12/11	Research Projects	
12/18	FINAL EXAM (8-11 a.m.)	