

# CLAS 1010H: Roman Culture

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Texts: *Classics in Translation; Vol. 2--Latin Literature*, ed. P. MacKendrick and H. Howe  
*Virgil: The Aeneid*, tr. D. West  
*Suetonius: The Twelve Caesars*, tr. R. Graves  
Course Pack (available at Bel-Jean Copy Center, 163 E. Broad St.)

Grading:

Test 1	Feb. 15	30%
Test 2	April 3	25%
Test 3	May 3 at noon	25%
Term paper	due April 19	20%

Attendance: Students are allowed TWO unexcused absences without penalty; after two, each additional unexcused absence will result in a deduction of one point off the final grade. To have an absence excused you will have to present a physician's note or some comparable written documentation.

Make-ups: Make-up tests will only be allowed upon presentation of a written excuse from a physician or comparable documentation.

Honesty: All academic work must meet the standards contained in "A Culture of Honesty." Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work. A statement of the policy is available on-line at: <http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/honesty/acadhon.htm>

Prospectus: This course is a survey of ancient Roman literature in English translation. Our goal is to gain a familiarity with classical Roman culture through an examination of selected works of literature viewed against the background of their historical context. We will read, discuss, and interpret a chronological selection of prose and poetry, exploring the development of Roman literature and thereby seeking an understanding of Roman society and its values.

## Schedule of Readings\*

M/H = MacKendrick & Howe: *Classics in Translation*  
West = D. West: *Virgil: The Aeneid*  
Graves = R. Graves: *Suetonius: The Twelve Caesars*  
CP = Course Pack

Jan.	9	Introduction	M/H 3-12
	11	Livy	M/H 280-291; CP 1-7
	16	Livy	M/H 291-300; CP 8-14

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\* NB The amount of reading assigned each day varies widely. It is wise to plan ahead and pace yourself by reading ahead.

	18	Plautus; Religion & Philosophy	M/H 13-37	
	23	Lucretius	M/H 60-73; CP 15-20; M/H 73-84	
	25	Catullus	CP 21-23	
Feb.	30	Catullus	CP 24-26	
	1	Sallust	M/H 85; 92-95 (up to § 20); CP 27-35	
	6	Cicero: Catiline	M/H 100-102; CP 36-43	
	8	Cicero: Caelius	CP 44-56	
	13	Caesar	Graves 13-53; CP 123-125	
		Cicero: 2nd Philippic; Philosophy	M/H 134-140; 162-68	
	15	Test 1		
	20	Augustus	Graves 54-112; M/H 302-308	
	22	Vergil Bk 1	<u>Old Edition</u> West 1-28	<u>New Edition</u> 3-24
	27	Vergil Bk 2& 3	West 29-79	25-68
March	1	Vergil Bk 4&5	West 80-103	69-114
	6	Vergil Bk 6&7	West 132-188	115-164
	8	Vergil Bk 8& 9	West 189-240	165-210
	12-16	Spring Break		
	20	Vergil Bk 10-12	West 241-332	211-290
	22	Vergil		
	27	Ovid: Amores	CP 57-69	
	29	Ovid: Art of Love; Love's Cure	CP 70-96	
April	3	Test 2		
	5	Petronius	M/H 324-334	
	10	Seneca	M/H 309-323; CP 97-99	
	12	Pliny: Letters	M/H 361-368; CP 100-102	
	17	Video: Roman Arena; Martial	CP 103-115	
	19	Juvenal; Tacitus: Augustus	M/H 415-425; CP 116; CP 117-122	
	24	Tacitus: Nero	M/H 369-405	
	26	Suetonius: Caligula and Claudius	Graves 153-212	
	30	The Later Roman Empire		

This syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.