

# CLAS 1010      ROMAN CIVILIZATION      Maymester 2009

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This course will provide an overview of ancient Roman civilization, beginning with the Romans' predecessors on the Italian peninsula C the Etruscans and Greek colonists C and proceeding through the three main phases of Roman history C the Monarchy (c. 753B509 BC), the Republic (509B27 BC), and the Empire (27 BCB476 AD) to the final breakdown of the Empire and the split between the Western and Eastern Mediterranean. Primary emphasis will be on the political and administrative accomplishments of the Romans as illustrated by history, but we will also consider their ethical and historical outlook as it is presented in the greatest work of Latin literature, Virgil's *Aeneid*, and their achievements in the world of art and especially architecture. We will also read selections from a number of major authors.

## TEXTS:

1. Antony Kamm: *The Romans: An Introduction*
2. Paul McKendrick & Herbert M. Howe: *Classics in Translation*, Vol. II (CIN)
3. Virgil: *The Aeneid* (D. West, Translator)

MIDTERMS & FINAL: They will require essays.

## GRADING:

Midterm	40 %
Class Participation and Attendance	10 %
Final exam	50 %

ATTENDANCE: Attendance is expected for all classes, since the midterm and the final will pay *close* attention to what we talk about in class. Your grade will be lowered by a letter grade if you miss more than three classes.

ACADEMIC 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.

## SYLLABUS

- May 12 Introduction. Periods of Roman history. Early Italy. Sources for early Roman History and Legends
- May 13 Early Rome and its legends. The Kings of Rome  
Kamm, Ch. 1, The Origins of Rome  
CIN: Livy, pp. 280-286
- May 14 The Etruscans  
CIT: Livy, pp. 286-291
- May 15 The Republic. Roman expansion.  
Kamm, Ch. 2, The Republic, pp. 12-23  
Kamm, Ch. 4, Religions and Mythology  
CIT: Livy, pp. 291-296
- May 18 The Punic Wars. Roman comedy: Plautus  
Kamm, Ch. 2, The Republic, pp. 23-28  
CIT: Livy, pp. 296-300  
CIT: Plautus, *The Haunted House*, pp. 13-37
- May 19 The Gracchi Brothers. Roman Comedy: Terence. Vergil and the *Aeneid*  
Kamm, Ch. 2, The Republic, pp. 28-31  
CIT: Terence, *The Woman of Andros*, pp. 38-59  
*Aeneid*, Introduction. Book 1
- May 20 Marius and Sulla. Lucretius. Sallust  
Kamm, Ch. 2, The Republic, pp. 31-36  
CIT: Lucretius, *On the Nature of Things*, pp. 60-67  
CIT: Sallust, *The Jugurthine War*, pp. 85-92  
*Aeneid*, Books 2, 3
- May 21 Crassus, Pompey, Cicero, Catullus  
Kamm, Ch. 3, Twelve Caesars, pp. 37-41  
CIT: Sallust, *The Conspiracy of Catiline*, pp. 92-98  
CIT: Cicero, *In Defense of Caelius*, pp. 120-126  
CIT: Catullus, *Poems*, pp. 204-112  
*Aeneid*, Books 4, 5
- May 22 **Midterm**  
Julius Caesar  
Kamm, Ch. 3, Twelve Caesars, pp. 42-46  
*Aeneid*, Books 6, 7
- May 25 **Memorial Day**

- May 26      **Withdraw Deadline**  
 Augustus. Vergil., Horace, Ovid, Livy  
 Kamm, Ch. 3, Twelve Caesars, pp. 46-49  
 CIT: Vergil, *Georgics*, pp. 213-218  
 CIT: Horace, pp. 264-272  
 CIT: Ovid, pp. 273-279  
*Aeneid*, Books 8, 9, 10
- May 27      Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius  
 Kamm, Ch. 3, Twelve Caesars, pp. 49-58  
 Kamm, Ch. 6, Art, Architecture, and Building  
*Aeneid*, Books 11, 12
- May 28      From Nero to Domitian. Vesuvius. Seneca. Petronius. Tacitus.  
 Kamm, Ch. 3, Twelve Caesars, pp. 58-73  
 Kamm, Ch. 5, Society and Daily life, pp. 101-133  
 CIT: Seneca, *Medea*, pp. 309-323  
 CIT: Petronius, *Satyricon*, pp. 324-334  
 CIT Tacitus, Selections, pp. 369-405
- May 30      The Five Good Emperors. Quintilian. Pliny the Younger. Juvenal  
 Kamm, Ch. 9, The Empire: Stability, Disintegration, Recovery, Fall, pp. 181-189  
 Kamm, Ch. 8, The Roman Army, pp. 172-180  
 CIT: Quintilian, *The Training of the Orator*, pp. 335  
 CIT: Pliny, *Letters*, pp. 361-368  
 CIT: Juvenal, *Sixth Satire*, pp. 415
- June 1      Severi and Diocletian  
 Kamm, Ch. 9, The Empire: Stability, Disintegration, Recovery, Fall, pp.190-198
- June 2      Constantine  
 Kamm, Ch. 9, The Empire: Stability, Disintegration, Recovery, Fall, pp. 198-206
- June 3      **Final Test**