

CLAS 1010: 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. 14	30%
Test 2	March 27	30%
Test 3	May 6 at noon	35% (not cumulative)

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. If you arrive late for class after roll has been taken, it is your responsibility to check in with me before you leave that day so I can mark you on the roll as present. 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.	8	Introduction	M/H 3-12
	10	Livy	M/H 280-291; CP 1-7
	15	Livy	M/H 291-300; CP 8-14

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

	17	Plautus; Religion & Philosophy	M/H 13-37	
	22	Lucretius	M/H 60-73; CP 15-20; M/H 73-84	
	24	Catullus	CP 21-23	
	29	Catullus	CP 24-26	
Feb.	31	Sallust	M/H 85; 92-95 (up to § 20); CP 27-35	
	5	Cicero: Catiline	M/H 100-102; CP 36-43	
	7	Cicero: Caelius	CP 44-56	
	12	Caesar	Graves 13-53; CP 123-125	
		Cicero: 2nd Philippic; Philosophy	M/H 134-140; 162-68	
	14	Test 1		
	19	Augustus	Graves 54-112; M/H 302-308	
	21	Vergil Bk 1	<u>Old Edition</u> West 1-28	<u>New Edition</u> 3-24
	26	Vergil Bk 2& 3	West 29-79	25-68
	28	Vergil Bk 4&5	West 80-103	69-114
March	4	Vergil Bk 6&7	West 132-188	115-164
	6	Vergil Bk 8& 9	West 189-240	165-210
	10-14	Spring Break		
	18	Vergil Bk 10-12	West 241-332	211-290
	20	Ovid: Amores	CP 57-69	
	25	Ovid: Art of Love; Love's Cure	CP 70-96	
	27	Test 2		
April	1	Petronius	M/H 324-334	
	3	Seneca	M/H 309-323; CP 97-99	
	8	Pliny: Letters	M/H 361-368; CP 100-102	
	10	Video: Roman Arena; Martial	CP 103-115	
	15	Juvenal; Tacitus: Augustus	M/H 415-425; CP 116; CP 117-122	
	17	Tacitus: Nero	M/H 369-405	
	22	Suetonius: Caligula and Claudius	Graves 153-212	
	24	The Later Roman Empire		

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