

History 103: The Roman World
Spring Semester 2016

- Time and place: MWF 9:00–9:50, Arter 201.
- Instructor: Judson Herrman, jherrman@allegheny.edu.
Office hours: Monday–Friday 11:00–12:15, Ruter 304.
- Description: A comprehensive survey of ancient Roman political, social, and cultural history based on the interpretation of primary sources, both literary and archaeological, from the foundation of the city to the height of the Empire. Topics include the Roman aristocratic moral code, Roman imperialism, Roman diplomatic interaction with the Hellenistic World, the decline and fall of the Roman Republic, the establishment of the Augustan principate, and the administration of the empire in the first and second centuries.
- Books:
These translations have been selected for the class on the basis of cost, availability and quality. You are required to cite these editions and translations specifically in your writing, and to bring a paper or electronic version of the assigned reading to class.
 - W. W. Batstone, *Sallust. Catiline's Conspiracy, The Jugurthine War, Histories* (Oxford, 2010).
 - D. H. Berry, *Cicero. Political Speeches* (Oxford, 2009).
 - J. M. Carter, *Caesar. The Civil War* (Oxford, 2008).
 - C. Damon, *Tacitus. Annals* (London, 2013).
 - S. Ruden, *Virgil. The Aeneid* (New Haven, 2009). Available as e-book online at Pelletier.
 - H. H. Scullard. *From the Gracchi to Nero: A History of Rome 133 BC to AD 68* (London, 2011).
- Requirements:
 - Attendance, participation, communication (10%). You are required to come to class prepared to discuss the assigned readings. If you must miss a session for a valid reason, inform me beforehand; after the fact, an absence can be excused only by a doctor or a dean. Attendance, organization, and timely communication are of enormous consequence for success in this course (and life in general).
 - Daily quizzes on reading (20%). Most classes will begin with a short quiz on the content of the reading. Each of you will write one of these quizzes, consisting of four specific, unambiguous, reasonable questions that can be answered briefly. You must submit your questions and an answer key by email to me by 3:00pm the day before the quiz is to be given. No make-up quizzes will be given, you must inform me in advance of excused absences.
 - Three historiographical analyses (30%). You will write three 750-word essays analyzing Sallust, Cicero and Caesar as historical sources. These short essays will focus on a specific assigned passage. You will be asked to explain how the passage displays the unique interests and biases of its author. Your essay should illustrate its points by making comparisons with other specific material that we have read.
 - Two literary/historical studies (40%). You will write two 1500-word essays focusing on a particular theme or interpretation of (1) Virgil's *Aeneid* and (2) Tacitus' *Annals*. In these essays you are expected to demonstrate a broad awareness of the historical background (from Scullard) and the primary textual material that we have read by making your own argument based on a range of specific passages from the work under consideration. Suggested areas of focus will be assigned.

- Late paper policy. Late written assignments are penalized by a third of a grade each weekday they are late. For example, a B paper that is one day late is a B-, then a C+ on the second day. Written material is due as hard copy in class, or as a PDF file (PDF only, not MS Word .doc or .docx) by email before class.
- Honor code. Students are advised to read Article III, section 3 of the honor code and to be careful to avoid plagiarism on all written assignments. Ask if you're unsure of how or whether to cite others' work.

- Schedule:

Wed. 20 Jan.	Course introduction and overview of material.
Fri. 22 Jan.	Background on politics, culture, economics. Read Scullard 1–18.
Mon. 25 Jan.	The Gracchi. Read Scullard 19–35.
Wed. 27 Jan.	Marius. Read Scullard 36–51.
Fri. 29 Jan.	Sallust, <i>Jugurthine War</i> (1–56). Read Batstone 52–90.
Mon. 1 Feb.	Sallust, <i>Jugurthine War</i> (57–114). Read Batstone 90–127.
Wed. 3 Feb.	Sallust analysis due. Sulla. Read Scullard 52–72.
Fri. 5 Feb.	Rise of Pompey. Read Scullard 73–89.
Mon. 8 Feb.	Cicero, <i>Against Verres</i> 1 and <i>On the Command of Gnaeus Pompeius</i> . Read Berry 13–29 and 110–133.
Wed. 10 Feb.	Pompey and Caesar. Read Scullard 90–106.
Fri. 12 Feb.	Catiline's Conspiracy: Cicero, <i>Against Catiline</i> 1–2. Read Berry 157–180.
Mon. 15 Feb.	Catiline's Conspiracy: Sallust, <i>Catiline's Conspiracy</i> . Read Batstone 10–47.
Wed. 17 Feb.	Cicero analysis due. Caesar's domination. Read Scullard 107–130.
Fri. 19 Feb.	Caesar, <i>Civil War</i> 1. Read Carter 3–49.
Mon. 22 Feb.	Caesar, <i>Civil War</i> 2–3. Read Carter 50–94.
Wed. 24 Feb.	Caesar, <i>Civil War</i> 3. Read Carter 94–139.
Fri. 26 Feb.	The second triumvirate. Read Scullard 131–145.
Mon. 29 Feb.	Cicero, <i>Philippic</i> 2. Read Berry 229–270.
Wed. 2 March.	Caesar analysis due. Late Republican economy and society. Read Scullard 146–158.
Fri. 4 March	Late Republican art and literature. Read Scullard 159–175.
Mon. 7 March	Overview of the Augustan Principate. Read Scullard 176–204.
Wed. 9 March	Virgil, <i>Aeneid</i> 1–2. Read Ruden 1–47.
Fri. 11 March	Virgil, <i>Aeneid</i> 3–4. Read Ruden 48–90.
Mon. 14 March	Virgil, <i>Aeneid</i> 5–6. Read Ruden 91–143.
Wed. 16 March	Virgil, <i>Aeneid</i> 7–8. Read Ruden 144–189.
Fri. 18 March	No class. Virgil, <i>Aeneid</i> 9–10. Read Ruden 190–240.
Mon. 28 March	Virgil, <i>Aeneid</i> 11–12. Read Ruden 241–295.

Wed. 30 March The far-flung empire. Read Scullard 205–225.
Fri. 1 April Overview of Tiberius and Gaius. Read Scullard 226–242.
Mon. 4 April Virgil essay due. Tacitus, *Annals* 1. Read Damon 3–45.
Wed. 6 April Tacitus, *Annals* 2. Read Damon 46–86.
Fri. 8 April Tacitus, *Annals* 3. Read Damon 87–123.
Mon. 11 April Tacitus, *Annals* 4–5. Read Damon 124–165.
Wed. 13 April Overview of Claudius. Read Scullard 243–256.
Fri. 15 April Tacitus, *Annals* 6, 11. Read Damon 166–214.
Mon. 18 April Tacitus, *Annals* 12. Read Damon 215–244.
Wed. 20 April Overview of Nero. Read Scullard 256–271.
Fri. 22 April Tacitus, *Annals* 13. Read Damon 245–274.
Mon. 25 April Tacitus, *Annals* 14. Read Damon 275–305.
Wed. 27 April Tacitus, *Annals* 15–16. Read Damon 306–355.
Fri. 29 April Early empire economy and society. Read Scullard 272–291.
Mon. 2 May Early empire art, literature, religion. Read Scullard 292–310.
Thu. 5 May Tacitus essay due at 9:00am in Ruter 304 or 104.