

GRS 504

MA Roman History Field

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Course Description

This course is a survey of Roman political history through primary documents. It has four components, each worth 25% of the final grade:

Fall semester

1. weekly reading of inscriptions and other documentary sources in Latin and Greek
2. participation in GRS 441 Fall of the Roman Republic (see syllabus)

Spring semester

3. 5,000-word paper on Mid-Republican Rome
4. 5,000-word paper on Julio-Claudian and Flavian Rome

Evaluation

All grades will be letter grades, with their grade-point equivalents, according to the UVic scale; no percentages will be used.

Faculty of Graduate Studies - Grading Scale			
Grade	Grade Point Value	Description	Achievement of Assignment Objectives
A+	9	Exceptional work	Technically flawless and original work demonstrating insight, understanding and independent application or extension of course expectations; often publishable
A	8	Outstanding work	Demonstrates a very high level of integration of material demonstrating insight, understanding and independent application or extension of course expectations
A-	7	Excellent work	Represents a high level of integration, comprehensiveness and complexity, as well as mastery of relevant techniques/concepts
B+	6	Very good work	Represents a satisfactory level of integration, comprehensiveness, and complexity; demonstrates a sound level of analysis with no major weaknesses
B	5	Acceptable work that fulfills the	Represents a satisfactory level of

		expectations of the course	integration of key concepts/procedures. However, comprehensiveness or technical skills may be lacking
B-	4	Unacceptable work revealing some deficiencies in knowledge, understanding or techniques	Represents an unacceptable level of integration, comprehensiveness and complexity. Mastery of some relevant techniques or concepts lacking. Every grade of 4.0 (B-) or lower in a course taken for credit in the Faculty of Graduate Studies must be reviewed by the supervisory committee of the student and a recommendation made to the Dean of Graduate Studies. Such students will not be allowed to register in the next session until approved to do so by the Dean.
C+	3		
C	2		
D	1		
F	0	Failing grade.	Unsatisfactory performance. Wrote final examination and completed course requirements.
Other Failing or Temporary Grades			
N	0	Did not write examination or otherwise complete course requirements by the end of term or session. This grade is intended to be final.	

Readings

Fall semester

For the documentary sources, we shall usually be working from photographs. Each week, students will be asked to

1. transcribe the assigned document(s), producing a *diplomatic text*
2. expand abbreviations, punctuate, and restore any lost portions of the text, producing an *edited text*
3. translate the text
4. explain proper names, names of offices, technical terms, etc.

Spring semester

Mid-Republican Rome

Polybius 6

and *either* Polybius (remainder) *or* Livy 21-45

Plutarch *Lives* of Aemilius Paulus, the elder Cato, Flamininus, Marcellus

1 Maccabees

Lewis and Reinhold, *Roman civilization*, 3rd ed., vol. 1, nos. 66, 71, 79-80, 120-6, 150

Julio-Claudian and Flavian Rome

Res Gestae Divi Augusti (Cooley ed.)

senatus consultum de Cn. Pisone patre = Griffin, M. 1997. "The Senate's story". *JRS* 87: 249-63

Suetonius *Lives* of Augustus, Gaius, Claudius, Nero, Vespasian

Tacitus *Annals* 1-6

Josephus *Jewish War*

Tacitus *Agricola*

Lewis and Reinhold, *Roman civilization*, 3rd ed., vol. 2., nos. 3, 4, 9, 11, 13-14, 40