

# HIEU 102A: ANCIENT ROMAN CIVILIZATION

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HSS 4059

MWF 12:00 to 12:50  
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## REQUIRED TEXTS:

Cicero. *Selected Works* [Grant Translation] (Penguin, 1971)  
Ronald Mellor, ed. *The Historians of Ancient Rome*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (Routledge: 2004)  
Jo-Ann Shelton. *As the Romans Did*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (Oxford UP, 1998)

## RECOMMENDED TEXT:

Hermann Kinder and Werner Hilgemann. *The Penguin Atlas of World History*. Volume 1 (Penguin, 1978)

## GRADE BREAKDOWN:

Midterm	25%
Research Paper (1500 to 2000 words)	35%
Final Exam	40%

## LATE ASSIGNMENTS:

Late assignments will be docked 1/3 of a letter grade per calendar day late (including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays). For example, if the assignment is due on a Wednesday, and a student hands it in the following Monday, the assignment will be docked 1 2/3 grades.

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## READING SCHEDULE

\*\*\*Readings should be completed before the class for which they are assigned\*\*\*

### WEEK 0:

*Lecture 1 (9/25): Introduction to the Course*

### WEEK 1:

\*\*\*NO CLASS ON 9/28\*\*\*

*Lecture 2 (9/30): The Roman Monarchy (753-509 BCE)*

MELLOR: p. 169-205 (Livy on the Monarchy)

*Lecture 3 (10/2): The Rise of the Roman Republic*

MELLOR: p. 205-227 (Livy on the secession of the plebs), p. 50-63 (Polybius on the Roman Constitution)

### WEEK 2: Roman Expansion

*Lecture 4 (10/5): The Roman Conquest of Italy*

MELLOR: p. 227-241 (Livy on the Gallic invasion)

*Lecture 5 (10/7): The First Punic War*

MELLOR: p. 15-27 (Polybius on the causes of the First Punic War)

*Lecture 6 (10/9): The Second Punic War*

MELLOR: p. 242-288 (Livy on the Second Punic War)

### WEEK 3: Roman Imperialism

*Lecture 7 (10/12): The Third Punic War and The Conquest of the Mediterranean*

MELLOR: p. 288-320 (Livy on the Roman conquest of Greece)

*Lecture 8 (10/14): Roman Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy*

SHELTON: p. 359-386 (items 402-428), p. 388-406 (items 432-443), p. 417-430 (items 454-473)

*Lecture 9 (10/16): The Roman Government*

SHELTON: p. 203-226 (items 251-266), p. 268-287 (items 317-324)

**WEEK 4: Crisis, Reform, and Civil War**

**Lecture 10 (10/19): *The Class System and Slavery in Rome***

SHELTON: p. 4-15 (items 1-14), p. 163-195 (items 198-235)

**Lecture 11 (10/21): *The Gracchi, Marius, and Sulla***

MELLOR: p. 65-79 (Appian)

SHELTON: p. 243-252 (items 291-293)

**Lecture 12 (10/23): *Cicero and Cato***

CICERO: p. 157-247

**WEEK 5: The End of the Republic**

**Lecture 13 (10/26): *The First Triumvirate***

MELLOR: p. 82-115 (Sallust on the Catilinarian Conspiracy)

**Lecture 14 (10/28): *Caesar's Dictatorship***

MELLOR: p. 348-381 (Suetonius' Life of Julius Caesar)

**Lecture 15 (10/30): *MIDTERM***

**WEEK 6: The Dawn of the Principate**

**Lecture 16 (11/2): *The Second Triumvirate***

CICERO: p. 101-153 (The Second Philippic Against Antony)

**Lecture 17 (11/4): *Caesar Augustus and The Principate***

MELLOR: p. 381-426 (Suetonius' Life of Caesar Augustus), p. 321-329 (The Achievements of Augustus)

**Lecture 18 (11/6): *The Pax Romana***

MELLOR: p. 451-459 (Tacitus on Augustus)

SHELTON: p. 226-242 (items 267-290), p. 252-257 (items 294-299)

**WEEK 7:**

**Lecture 19 (11/9): *The Julio-Claudian Dynasty***

MELLOR: p. 469-517 (Tacitus on the Julio-Claudian Dynasty)

SHELTON: p. 386-388 (items 429-431)

\*\*\*NO CLASS ON 11/11 (VETERANS' DAY)\*\*\*

**Lecture 20 (11/13): *Roman Society in the Empire—Public Life***

SHELTON: p. 65-71 (items 86-96), p. 307-317 (items 348-361), p. 329-358 (items 377-401)

**WEEK 8:**

**Lecture 21 (11/16): *Roman Society in the Empire—Family Life and the Role of Women***

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SHELTON: p. 16-36 (items 15-53), p. 47-58 (items 66-78), p. 288-305 (items 325-345)

**Lecture 22 (11/18): *The Flavian Dynasty***

MELLOR: p. 331-345 (Josephus), p. 517-530 (Tacitus on the Flavian Dynasty)

**Lecture 23 (11/20): *The Five Good Emperors***

MELLOR: p. 539-555 (Cassius Dio), p. 575-593 (Life of Hadrian)

**WEEK 9:**

**Lecture 24 (11/25): *Roman Demographics***

SHELTON: p. 59-64 (items 79-85), 79-91 (items 99-122)

**Lecture 25 (11/25): *The Crisis of the Third Century***

SHELTON: p. 125-137 (items 163-174), 143-162 (items 181-197), p. 262-263 (items 307-308)

\*\*\*NO CLASS ON 11/27 (THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY)\*\*\*

**WEEK 10:**

**Lecture 26 (11/30): *The Christianization of Rome***

SHELTON: p. 406-417 (items 444-453)

**Lecture 27 (12/2): *Constantine***

MELLOR: p. 557-574 (Eusebius' Life of Constantine)

**Lecture 28 (12/4): *The "Fall" of the Roman Empire***

MELLOR: p. 595-613, (Ammianus Marcellinus' Histories)

**FINAL EXAM:** Thursday, 12/10/2009 from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM