

Rome and the First Caesars  
Verbrugghe

510:304  
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ATG-214

### Syllabus

This course looks at the last century of the Roman Republic and the first century of the Roman Empire, or Roman history from 133 BC (the Tribune of Gaius Gracchus) to AD 96 (the death of the emperor Domitian). Another way to put it is that this course covers the end of the republic and the birth of the empire. Pivotal to this course is an understanding of the role Octavian (the first Roman emperor Augustus) played in this transition or transformation.

My home page is <http://crab.rutgers.edu/~verbrugg/>, which under courses for 510:304 has this syllabus and the URL to Sakai, given here: <https://sakai.rutgers.edu/portal>. At Sakai Rutgers, when you log in using your Rutgers user name and password, our course should appear along with any other courses you are enrolled in that also use Sakai. Click on our course (Rome and the First Caesars 510:303 Sp 14), and under Resources, in the headings on the left, you will find available in electronic format almost all of the readings needed for this course.

My office is 200 in 429 Cooper; my office phone number is 225-6075; my internet e-mail address is [Verbrugg@camden.rutgers.edu](mailto:Verbrugg@camden.rutgers.edu) (please, put "Rome" in the heading to alert me). I will be available for questions or consultation each class day (MWF) during Office Hours from 7:15 to 8:45 AM. If these times are not convenient, arrangements can be made for a mutually agreed upon time for meeting.

#### Required Readings Available at the Bookstore:

H. H. Scullard, *From the Gracchi to Nero* ISBN 0415025273

#### Required Readings Available on Sakai:

Plutarch, *Various Lives*

Sallust, *Jugurthine War; Conspiracy of Catiline*

Suetonius, *The Twelve Caesars*

Tacitus, *The Annals of Imperial Rome*

Cassius Dio, *The Roman History—Reign of Augustus*

Petronius, *The Satyricon*,

Cicero: *On Pompey's Command and Second Philippic*

Augustus' *Res Gestae*

Decree of the Senate on Cn. Piso

#### Basis for the Determination of Final Grade:

There will be 5 quizzes, a mid-term and a final examination, and a short paper due Apr. 23. The mid-term examination will be worth 25% of the final grade, the average of the five quizzes will be worth 25% of the final grade, the short paper will be worth 15% of the final grade, and the final examination will be worth 35% of the final grade. The final numerical grade will then have this letter grade correspondence:

100 - 90 = A

89 - 80 = B

79 - 70 = C

69 - 60 = D

59 - 0 = F

#### Class Policies:

Please feel free to use whatever means you want to help you in class: laptops for note-taking, recordings of lectures, or just plain note taking.

Your in-class quizzes and in-class essays are to be your own work exclusively. Notes or prewritten work to be copied during in-class quizzes and in-class essays are not

allowed. Once in the classroom, you should not use your phone, nor should you disrupt the class by leaving to use the bathroom.

I expect the reading assignments to be done for the class day they are assigned. A good rule of thumb is that for every hour of class, two hours of preparation are necessary.

Stated policy is that there are **NO** make-up Examinations or Quizzes. This policy is easily vitiated, if you are going to have to miss taking a Quiz or Examination when scheduled because of absolutely unavoidable circumstances. Courtesy and I, however, demand that you notify me beforehand or in an unforeseen and unforeseeable situation as soon as possible afterwards (**NOT** just the next time you happen to be in class) in person, by phone, or by e-mail so that **arrangements can be made to make up** the quiz or essay examination you unavoidably missed.

Schedule of meetings, assignments, and examinations:

### Part I: Setting the Stage for Caesar

Jan. 22	Introduction to the course and Italy's Geography
Jan. 24	Rome's Value System Sallust, <i>The Catilinarian Conspiracy</i>
Jan. 27	Rome's Value System: Roman Magistrates and Roman Assemblies Scullard "Rome at the Crossroads"
<b>Jan. 28</b>	<b>Last Day to DROP course without \$5.00 fee and without a grade of "W".</b>
Jan. 29	Rome's Value System: Roman Magistrates and Roman Assemblies (cont'd) Sallust's <i>Jugurthine War</i>
Jan. 31	Roman Republican Rule; The Hannibalic War and Hellenism
Feb. 3	Roman Republican Rule; The Hannibalic War and Hellenism (cont'd)
Feb. 5	The Gracchi Scullard "The Gracchi"
Feb. 7	The Gracchi (cont'd)
Feb. 10	Marius and Sulla: Failure and Resurrection of the Nobility Scullard "Rise and Fall of Marius" Plutarch's <i>Marius and Sulla</i>
Feb. 12	Marius and Sulla (cont'd) <b>Quiz 1</b> on Sallust's <i>Catalinarian Conspiracy</i> and <i>Jugurthine War</i> and on Plutarch's <i>Marius and Sulla</i>
Feb. 14	Marius and Sulla (cont'd)

Scullard "Rise of Sulla"

Feb. 17 Rise of Pompey and the Success of Cicero  
Scullard "Rise of Pompey" and "Pompey and Caesar"  
Cicero, [\*On Pompey's Command\*](#); Plutarch's *Pompey* and *Crassus*

Feb. 19 Rise of Pompey and the First Triumvirate, the eclipse of Cicero  
CN. POMPEIUS MAGNUS  
M. LICINIUS CRASSUS  
C. JULIUS CAESAR

Feb. 21 Rise of Pompey and the First Triumvirate, the eclipse of Cicero (cont'd)

Feb. 24 Rise of Pompey and the First Triumvirate, the eclipse of Cicero (cont'd)

## **Part II: The Failure of Caesar and the Success of Augustus**

Feb. 26 Caesar  
C. JULIUS CAESAR, DICTATOR PERPETUUS  
Scullard "The Domination of Caesar";  
Plutarch's *Caesar*; Suetonius' *Caesar*

Feb. 28 Caesar (cont'd)  
**Quiz 2** on Cicero, *On Pompey's Command*; Plutarch's *Pompey*; Plutarch's *Crassus*; Plutarch's *Caesar*; and Suetonius' *Caesar (Divus Julius)*

Mar. 3 Caesar (cont'd)

## **MID-TERM**

Mar. 7 Rise of M. Antony and the reemergence of Cicero  
Cicero's *Second Philippic*

Mar. 10 The Second Triumvirate  
M. ANTONIUS  
M. AEMILIUS LEPIDUS  
C. JULIUS CAESAR

Scullard "The Second Triumvirate" and "Economic and Social Life in Italy and the Provinces in the Late Republic"

Mar. 12 The Rise of the New Caesar and the Death of M. Antonius  
IMP. CAESAR DIVI FILIUS  
Plutarch's *Cicero*; Cassius Dio. Bks. 50-51

Mar. 14 The Age of Augustus  
IMP. CAESAR DIVI FILIUS AUGUSTUS  
Scullard "Art, Literature and Thought in the Late Republic", "The Augustan Principate", and "Frontiers and Provinces"  
Suetonius' *Augustus*; Cassius Dio, Bks. 52-56; *Res Gestae*;

**Week of Mar. 15 to Mar. 23 – Spring Break**

***Mar. 16 at sundown - Purim***

- Mar. 24      The Age of Augustus (cont'd)
- Mar. 26      The Age of Augustus (cont'd)  
**Quiz 3** on Cicero's *Second Philippic*, Plutarch's *Cicero*; Cassius Dio. Bks. 50-56, Suetonius' *Augustus*; *Res Gestae*;
- Mar. 28      The Age of Augustus (cont'd)
- Mar. 31      The Age of Augustus (cont'd)

**Part III: The Success of Augustus' successors**

- Apr. 2      Tiberius  
TIBERIUS CAESAR AUGUSTUS
- Apr. 4      Tiberius (cont'd)  
Scullard "Tiberius and Gaius"  
Tacitus' *Annals* 1-6; Suetonius' *Tiberius*; Senate Decree on Cn. Piso (D. S. Potter and Cynthia Damon, "The Senatus Consultum de Cn. Pisone Patre," *American Journal of Philology* 120 (1999) 13-41 available through JSTOR and Project Muse)
- Apr. 7      Tiberius (cont'd)
- Apr. 9      Gaius  
C. CAESAR AUGUSTUS  
Suetonius' *Gaius*
- Apr. 9      Last Day to DROP course with a "W" grade upon payment of a \$5.00 fee without having to petition the Scholastic Standing Committee.**
- Apr. 11      Claudius  
TI. CLAUDIUS CAESAR AUGUSTUS  
Scullard "Claudius and Nero"  
Suetonius' *Claudius*, Tacitus' *Annals* 11-12
- Apr. 14      Claudius (cont'd)  
**Quiz 4** on Tacitus' *Annals* 1-6, 11-12; Suetonius' *Tiberius*; Senate Decree on Cn. Piso; Suetonius' *Gaius*; Suetonius' *Claudius*

***Apr. 14 – Passover begins at Sunset***

- Apr. 16 Claudius (cont'd)
- Apr. 18 Nero  
 NERO CLAUDIUS CAESAR AUGUSTUS  
 Scullard "Economic and Social Life in the Early Empire" and "Art, Literature and Religion in the Julio-Claudian Period"  
 Suetonius' *Nero*; Tacitus' *Annals* 13-16; Petronius, *The Satyricon*
- Apr. 18 – Good Friday***
- Apr. 21 Nero (cont'd)
- Apr. 23 Nero (cont'd)  
**Paper Due**
- Apr. 25 The succession – Violence  
 SER. SULPICIUS GALBA IMP. CAESAR AUGUSTUS  
 IMP. M. OTHO CAESAR AUGUSTUS  
 IMP. A. VITELLIUS CAESAR AUGUSTUS  
 Suetonius' *Galba*, Suetonius' *Otho*, Suetonius' *Vitellius*
- Apr. 28 The Succession – Violence (cont'd)  
**Quiz 5** on Suetonius' *Nero*; Tacitus' *Annals* 13-16; Petronius, *The Satyricon*;  
 Suetonius' *Galba*, Suetonius' *Otho*, Suetonius' *Vitellius*
- Apr. 30 The Flavians  
 IMP. CAESAR VESPASIANUS AUGUSTUS  
 T. CAESAR VESPASIANUS AUGUTUS  
 IMP. CAESAR DOMITIANUS AUGUSTUS  
 Suetonius' *Life of Vespasian*, *Life of Titus*, and *Life of Domitian*
- May 2 The Flavians (cont'd)
- May 5 An Overview
- May 6-7 Reading Period
- May 9 ***FRIDAY at 9:00 A.M.***  
***Final Examination***