

The University of Texas at Tyler  
Fall Semester 2022  
HIST 5310 – Seminar in History  
The Rise of the Roman Empire  
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**Course Overview and Student Learning Outcomes:**

This course is a graduate research seminar designed to formulate professional research and writing skills for academic historians. The ultimate goal is for students to produce a research paper suitable for presentation at an academic conference. Our topic is one of pivotal importance for European history, as in our readings and research we will examine the question of how a single city-state came to dominate the entire Mediterranean world. In pursuit of this topic, we will read together the two main surviving primary sources, the histories of Polybius (ca. 200-120 BC) and Titus Livius, aka Livy (ca. 60 BC to AD 12).

**Course Requirements and Grading Policy:**

The main requirement of the course is the production of a research paper of roughly 10-12 pages on a relevant topic of your choice. It will constitute 60% of the course grade. The remainder of your grade will consist of three short papers (10% each for a total of 30%) and class participation (10%). Attendance at all class meetings is mandatory. Late papers will not be accepted.

**Final Withdrawal Date: Monday, Nov. 14**

**Required Books:**

N. Rosenstein, *Rome and the Mediterranean, 264-146 BC*  
Polybius, *The Rise of the Roman Empire*  
Livy, *Hannibal's War*  
Livy, *Rome and the Mediterranean*

**Calendar of Meetings and Assignments (subject to change with prior notification):**

Aug. 25	Course Introduction
Sept. 1	Discussion of Rosenstein, <i>Rome &amp; the Mediterranean</i> ; book review due
Sept. 8	Discussion of Livy, <i>Hannibal's War</i> , Books XXI-XXV (pages 3-309); and M. Charles and P. Rhodan, "Magister Elephatorum: a Reappraisal of Hannibal's Use of Elephants." <i>The Classical World</i> 10 (2007) 363-389. Download from JSTOR.

Sept. 15	Discussion of Livy, <i>Rome and the Mediterranean</i> , Books XXVI-XXX (pages 310-618).
Sept. 22	No Meeting
Sept. 29	Discussion of Livy, Books XXXI-XXXVII (pages 23-334).
Oct. 6	Discussion of Livy, Books XXXVIII-XLV (pages 335-648). Short paper due (3-4 pages) analyzing Livy as a historian.
Oct. 13	Discussion of Polybius <i>Rise of the Roman Empire</i> , Books I-IV (pages 41-290).
Oct. 20	Discussion of Polybius, Books V-XXXIX (pages 291-541). Short paper comparing Livy and Polybius due. Presentations of Research Topics.
Oct. 27	Individual Consultations with Instructor.
Nov. 3	No meeting.
Nov. 10	No meeting.
Nov. 17	Presentations of Preliminary Research.
Nov. 24	No meeting – Thanksgiving Holiday.
Dec. 1	No meeting.
Dec. 8	Final Papers/Presentations Due.

### **Additional Syllabus Information**

#### **Covid Statement:**

*It is important to take the necessary precautions to ensure a healthy and successful year. UT Tyler continues to urge you to protect yourselves against the flu, COVID and any new threats that may be developing. Be diligent about preventive measures such as washing hands, covering sneezes/coughs, social distancing and vaccinations, which have proven to be successful in slowing the spread of viruses. Encourage those who don't feel well to stay home, and if they show symptoms, ask them to get tested for the flu or COVID. Self-isolation is important to reduce exposure ([CDC quarantine/isolation guidelines](#)). Please work with your faculty members to maintain coursework and please consult [existing campus resources](#) for support.*

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