

The University of Texas at Tyler  
Spring Semester 2016  
HIST 5310 – Seminar in History  
The Fall of the Roman Republic  
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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 for students is to produce a research paper suitable for presentation at an academic conference. Our topic is a pivotal one for ancient history. In our readings and discussions we will discuss the society and politics of the later Roman Republic to examine how the Roman state was transformed from an oligarchy into a monarchy and how this affected Roman society and the Mediterranean world. This is the best documented period of ancient history and students should also come away with a grasp of how history was written in the ancient world and how to comprehend classical primary sources.

**Course Requirements and Grading Policy:**

The main requirement of the course is the production of a research paper (10-15 pages including footnotes) on a relevant topic of your choice. It will constitute 60% of the course grade. The remaining 40% will consist of 3 short reaction papers (10% each) along with attendance and participation (10%). Late papers will not be accepted. **Last Day to Withdraw is Monday, March 21.**

**Required Books:**

Christopher Mackay, *The Breakdown of the Roman Republic*  
Appian, *The Civil Wars*  
Cassius Dio, *Roman History: the Reign of Augustus*  
Cicero, *Selected Political Speeches*  
Plutarch, *Roman Lives*

**Suggested Book:**

*Turabian Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses and Dissertations*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed

**Calendar of Meetings and Assignments:**

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| Jan. 20 | <b>Course Introduction</b>  |
| Jan. 27 | <b>Overview of the Roman Republic; the First Crises</b><br>Mackay, 1-99<br>Appian, 7-68 (Book I)<br>Plutarch, 77-115 (Lives of the Gracchi)               |
| Feb. 4  | <b>The Age of Marius and Sulla</b><br>Mackay, 100-195<br>Plutarch, 116-215 (Lives of Marius and Sulla)<br>Short Paper Due: Comparison of Marius and Sulla |

- Feb. 11      **The First Triumvirate**  
Mackay, 196-284  
Appian, 69-153 (Book II)  
Cicero, 33-145  
Plutarch, 216-97 (Life of Pompey)  
E.T. Salmon, "Catiline, Crassus and Caesar," *Am. J. of Philology* 56  
(1935), 302-316 (JSTOR)  
T.J. Cadoux, "Marcus Crassus: a Revaluation," *Greece & Rome* 3  
(1956), 153-161 (JSTOR)
- Feb. 18      **The War Between Pompey and Caesar**  
Mackay, 285-314  
Cicero, 215-278  
Plutarch, 297-360 (Life of Caesar)  
P.A. Brunt, "The Roman Mob," *Past & Present* 35 (1966), 3-27. (JSTOR)  
A.W. Lintott, "Cicero and Milo," *J. of Roman Studies* 64 (1974), 62-78  
Short Paper Due: Comparison of Caesar and Pompey
- Feb. 25      **Caesar's Assassination and Aftermath**  
Mackay, 315-336  
Appian, 154-278 (Books III and IV)  
F. Millar, "The Mediterranean and the Roman Revolution,"  
*Past and Present* 102 (1984), 3-24 (JSTOR)
- Mar. 3        **The War Between Antony and Octavian; Caesar Augustus**  
Mackay, 337-403  
Appian, 279-351 (Book V)  
Cassius Dio, 35-258 (Books 50-56)  
Cicero, 295-318  
Plutarch, 360-430 (Life of Antony)  
E.T. Salmon, "The Evolution of Augustus' Principate," *Historia* 5  
(1956), 456-478 (JSTOR)  
Short Paper Due: Comparison of Antony and Augustus
- Mar. 10      No Meeting – Spring Break
- Mar. 17      Individual Consultations – Submission of Proposals
- Mar. 24      No Meeting
- Mar. 31      No Meeting
- April 7       No Meeting
- April 14     Presentations and Submission of First Drafts
- April 21     Individual Consultations
- April 28     No Meeting
- May 5        Presentations and Submission of Final Drafts