

The University of Texas at Tyler  
Long Summer Semester 2018  
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, July 16**

**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*

**Optional:**

Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*

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

May 21	Course Introduction
May 31	Discussion of Rosenstein, <i>Rome &amp; the Mediterranean</i> ; book review due
June 7	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.

- June 14 Discussion of Livy, Books XXVI-XXX (pages 310-618). Short paper (3-4 pages) on Livy due.
- June 21 Discussion of Livy, Books XXXI-XXXVII (pages 23-334).
- June 28 Discussion of Livy, Books XXXVIII-XLV (pages 335-648)
- July 5 Discussion of Polybius, Books I-IV (pages 41-290).
- July 12 Discussion of Polybius, Books V-XXXIX (pages 291-541). Short paper comparing Livy and Polybius due. Presentations of Research Topics.
- July 19 Individual Consultations with Instructor.
- July 26 No meeting.
- Aug. 3 No meeting.
- Aug. 10 Research Papers/Brief Presentations due.