

Course Number

Classics 212

Course Title

Roman History and Culture

Quarter/Year

Spring 2021

Day/Time

TTh 2-3:20pm

Instructor

Terpstra

Degree/Distro Fulfillment

IV, V, VI



Course Description:

The course is a general history survey, starting with Rome's humble beginnings and ending with the collapse of the Roman Empire. It will trace the story of how a small city-state in central Italy, on the periphery of the older civilizations of Greece and the Eastern Mediterranean, established military and political dominance over Italy; how it built a Mediterranean empire and administered it for centuries; how a long period of crisis led to its decline and partition into an eastern and western half; and finally, how the western half collapsed. In addition to this chronological narrative, the course will treat several key themes and concepts in Roman culture. The Roman military will receive attention, as will gender relations and public spectacles. Roman religion and the role of slavery will also be discussed.

Required Textbooks

David Potter. 2018. *Ancient Rome: A New History* (third edition). Thames & Hudson, New York. ISBN-13: 978-0-50029-412-3

Christopher Francese and R. Scott Smith. 2014. *Ancient Rome: An Anthology of Sources*. Hackett Publishing, Indianapolis. ISBN-13: 978-1-62466-000-9 (pbk.)

Assessments

Midterm Exam and Final Exam