Course Number

Course Title CLA 212-0

Rome: Culture and Empire

Day/Time

Quarter/Year

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History, Society and Culture



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 East 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

Attendance, Class , Discussion Section, Exams, Final Exams, Mid-Term

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