

<b>DEREE COLLEGE SYLLABUS FOR: HY 2015 HISTORY OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE</b>																	
(Previously: HY 2015 History of Rome) (Updated Fall 2022)	<b>UK LEVEL: 4</b> <b>UK CREDITS:15</b> <b>US CREDITS: 3/0/3</b>																
<b>PREREQUISITES:</b>	N/A																
<b>CATALOG DESCRIPTION:</b>	Survey of Roman history from the time of the Etruscans to the crisis of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> century AD and the reign of Diocletian (1000 B.C. to 305A.D.). Political theories and practices with particular focus on imperial Rome.																
<b>RATIONALE:</b>	This course is fundamental for any student interested in the Roman foundations of Western culture. It completes the sequence of ancient history courses.																
<b>LEARNING OUTCOMES:</b>	As a result of taking this course, the student should be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate understanding of the social and economic problems of Rome relative to its conquests and expansion outside Italy.</li> <li>2. Demonstrate knowledge of the Hellenistic, Anatolian and Christian influences on Roman culture.</li> <li>3. Examine the Roman imperial administrative, legal, military, and cultural contributions to the Mediterranean world.</li> <li>4. Explain the reasons for the decline and fall of Rome.</li> </ol>																
<b>METHOD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING:</b>	In congruence with the teaching and learning strategy of the college, the following tools are used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lectures and class discussions.</li> <li>• Homework assignments.</li> <li>• Office hours held by the instructor to provide further assistance to students.</li> <li>• Use of the library facilities for further study and for preparation for the examinations</li> <li>• Use of the Blackboard site to further support communication, by posting lecture notes, assignment instruction, timely announcements, formative quizzes and online submission of assignments.</li> </ul>																
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<p><b>INDICATIVE READING:</b></p>	<p><b>REQUIRED READING:</b>  LeGlay, M. et, al. <i>A History of Rome</i>. Blackwell, latest edition.  Livy, <i>The Rise of Rome: Books 1-5</i>, trans, T.J. Luce, Oxford University Press: Reissue edition 2009.  Suetonius, <i>The Lives of the Twelve Caesars</i> Translated with an Introduction and Notes by Catharine Edwards. Oxford University Press: 2009.  Plutarch, <i>Roman Lives</i> Translated by Robin Waterfield, with Introductions and Notes by Philip A. Stadter. Oxford University Press: 2009.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED READING:</b>  Beard, M. <i>SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome</i>. London 2016  Bradley, K. <i>Key Themes in Ancient History: Slavery and Society at Rome</i>. New York, latest edition.  Goldsworthy, A. <i>Pax Romana: War, Peace and Conquest in the Roman World</i>, New Haven, 2016.  Perkins, B., <i>The Fall of Rome: And the End of Civilization</i>. Oxford, 2005.  Potter, D., <i>The Roman Empire at Bay A.D. 180-395</i>, London, 2014  Woolf, G. <i>Rome: An Empire's Story</i>. New York, 2012.</p>		
<p><b>INDICATIVE MATERIAL:</b>  <i>(e.g. audiovisual, digital material, etc.)</i></p>	<p><b>REQUIRED MATERIAL:</b></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED MATERIAL:</b></p>		
<p><b>COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:</b></p>	<p>Written and verbal presentation skills using proper English</p>		
<p><b>SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:</b></p>	<p>Word</p>		
<p><b>WWW RESOURCES:</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/">www.fordham.edu/halsall/</a>  <a href="http://www.livius.org/li-ln/livy/livy.htm">www.livius.org/li-ln/livy/livy.htm</a>  <a href="http://www.perseus.tufts.edu">www.perseus.tufts.edu</a></p>		

**INDICATIVE CONTENT:**

1. Primitive Italy: early inhabitants; the Etruscans
2. Early Latium and Rome: The making of the Republic and Roman Imperialism
  - 2.1. Political organization and expansion in Italy (264-121 B.C.)
  - 2.2. Effects of success on Rome and Italy; the struggle of the Orders.
  - 2.3. The Punic Wars and Effects of the Expansion
  - 2.4. The Gracchan Reforms
3. The Decay of the Roman Republic (133-31 B.C.)
  - 3.1. Civil Wars and the rise of personalities
  - 3.2. Julius Caesar: his rise to power, and assassination
  - 3.3. The rise of Octavian
4. The Principate (31 B.C. – A.D. 14)
  - 4.1. The political organization of Octavius
  - 4.2. Economic, social, cultural and religious conditions in the Augustan Age
5. The Successors: The Julio-Claudians to the Flavians
  - 5.1. The Julio-Claudian period (A.D. 14-68); initial internal problems; insanity and corruption; the beginnings of Christianity
  - 5.2. The Year of the Four Emperors (A.D. 68-69)
  - 5.3. The Flavians (A.D. 68-96): Vespasian, Titus, Domitian; the "levelling" of Roman imperial authority to the provinces
6. The Empire Expands: The Antonines (A.D. 96-192)
  - 6.1. The Five Good Emperors: Nerva, Trajan, Hadrian, A. Pius, Marcus Aurelius.
  - 6.2. Enlightened despotism; administrative progress; the first Germanic pressures.
7. The Decline of the Roman Empire: The Crisis of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century
  - 7.1. The Severan Dynasty (A.D. 193- 235)
  - 7.2. The Age of Anarchy (A.D. 235- 284)
  - 7.3. Emperor Valerian and the Sassanid Empire
  - 7.4. The Palmyrene Empire
  - 7.5. Emperor Aurelian and the Gallic Empire
8. The Late Roman Empire:
  - 8.1. The Dominate of Diocletian (A.D. 285-305)
  - 8.2. The Germanic tribes and the Christians: new horizons
  - 8.3. Tetrarchy
9. The Legacy of Greco-Roman Culture to Western Civilization