

HST 302: History of Rome  
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**I. Course Objectives:** Course Objectives are as follows:

A. To deepen our knowledge of the central events, trends, and issues which constitute the history of the Roman world, from its origins in Italic culture to the fall of the Roman Empire.

B. To gain an appreciation of the western civilization's rich heritage deriving from Roman Civilization.

C. To sharpen our critical writing and thinking skills.

**II. Texts:**

For your reading pleasure, the following excellent texts have been assigned. All are from the Penguin Classics Library. We will read selected biographies from Plutarch and Suetonius, as indicated on the calendar portion of this syllabus.

Frazer, *The Golden Bough*  
Gibbon, Edward, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*  
Livy, *The Early History of Rome*  
Plutarch, *Makers of Rome*  
Plutarch, *The Fall of the Roman Republic*  
Polybius, *The Rise of the Roman Empire*  
Suetonius, *The Lives of the Twelve Caesars*  
Vergil, *The Aeneid*

**III. Grading:** Two grading units, equal in value, will be averaged to compute the final grade. The three grades will be composed of the following:

A. The average grade of five shorter short papers. Papers will be ten-pitch font, single-spaced, front and back-sided one-page papers. They will be assigned by the professor based on readings done by the course; they will call upon students to relate various readings to the historical context treated in classroom discussions and presentations.

B. The grade which a student receives on a major fifteen page research paper. Students will complete this paper.

C. Students will work with selected peers in preparing a major panel presentation on larger topic, of

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which their own research paper will be a sub-topic. This presentation must be done well. Failure to provide a thoroughly and well-prepared presentation will result in a penalty lowering of the student's grade, at the discretion of the instructor.

#### **IV. Various Course Policies:**

A. Attendance is strongly encouraged, records, and a valuable piece of information to be considered at grading time. Moreover, four absences deemed unexcused by the instructor will result in a lowering of the student's grade, at the instructor's discretion.

B. The Oxford College Honor Code pertains to this course, of course. Students are expected to honor fully the Code, both in letter and spirit.

C. The course will combine lectures with some discussion of the common readings. The instructor reserves the right to reduce a student's final score by a full 10% if the student has been, in the instructor's judgement, habitually inattentive or unprepared for thoughtful participation in the group. The instructor really hopes he does not have to impose this penalty on any students so make a good faith effort to do the work. Then we can all enjoy the great material covered in this course.

#### **V. Course Calendar:**

A. A calendar scheduling the topics and due-dates of the course is attached to this syllabus.

# JANUARY 2001

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	New Year's Day 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Classes Start		Vergil, Book I	
14	M.L. King Jr. Day 15	16	17	18	19	20
	Vergil, Books 2-3		Vergil, Book 4		Vergil, Books 5-6	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Vergil, Books 7-8		Papers on Vergil Due			
28	29	30	31			
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## FEBRUARY 2001

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Livy, Book 1	
	Livy, Book 2		Plutarch, Coriolanus		Presentation, The Republican Ideal	
	Papers on a Plutarch Biography Due Carthage		Plutarch, Cato the Elder Plutarch, Fabius Maximus		Presentation: Class Struggles in Rome	
	Lincoln's Birthday		Valentine's Day			
	Plutarch, The Gracchi Brothers		Plutarch, Marius		Presentation: Wars in the East	
	President's Day			Washington's B-Day		
	Plutarch, Pompey		Plutarch, Caesar			
			Ash Wednesday			
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**MARCH 2001**

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					<u>Plutarch, Cicero</u>													
	<u>Papers on a Plutarch Biography Due</u> <u>Plutarch, Mark Antony</u>		<u>Suetonius, Augustus</u>		<u>Presentation: The Subtle Change</u>													
4	5	6	7	8	9	10												
	<u>Spring Break</u>																	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17												
	<u>Frazer, GB, 1-69</u>		<u>Frazer, 105-94</u>		<u>Gb, 373-413</u>	<u>St. Patrick's Day</u>												
18	19	20	21	22	23	24												
	<u>Gb, 420-462</u>		<u>Papers on Frazer due GB, 420-462</u>		<u>Apuleius, Books 1-3</u>													
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# APRIL 2001

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY										
	<u>Apuleius Book 11</u>		<u>GB, 413-20</u>		<u>Presentation, Roman Context of Christianity</u>											
Daylight Savings Begins 1	2	3	4	5	6	7										
	<u>Gibbon, 27-49</u>		<u>Gibbon, 50-84</u>		<u>Gibbon, 85-128</u>											
Palm Sunday 8	9	10	11	12	Good Friday 13	14										
	<u>Gibbon, 260-91</u>		<u>Gibbon, 291-327</u>		<u>Presentation, Roman Science and Technology</u>											
Easter 15	16	17	18	19	20	21										
	<u>Gibbon, 510-584</u>		<u>Papers on Gibbon due Gibbon, 585-619</u>		<u>Presentation, Anti-Romanism</u>											
22	23	24	Secretaries Day 25	26	27	28										
	<u>Final Term Papers Due Gibbon, 619-691</u>															
29	30															
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## MAY 2001

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY							
		1	2	3	4	5							
			Roman Heritage in Law and Social Order Roman Cultural Heritage Final Presentations: Reasons for the Fall										
6	7	8	9	10	11	12							
Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18							
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27	Memorial Day	28	29	30	31								
			APRIL 2001			JUNE 2001							
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