



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Introduction to Classical Civilization: Rome - 28219

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Classical Studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Professor Yoav Rinon

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Teaching Staff:

Dr. Orly Lewis

Course/Module description:

Introductory course to Roman culture from the 2nd century BCE to the 2nd century CE in its historical setting, with a particular focus on the intellectual culture and daily life.

Course/Module aims:

- to introduce the main characteristics of Roman culture
- to gain acquaintance with central authors and genres of ancient Roman literature
- to identify aspects of ancient Roman culture that keep living on Western and local culture.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- to demonstrate knowledge of basic concepts of the Roman cultural world
- to be acquainted with major Roman authors and describe their work and contribution
- to recognize key concepts in Roman culture and its sources.
- to identify and characterize the main Roman literary genres and their relations with classical and Hellenistic Greek genres
- to identify features of ancient Roman culture within contemporary Western culture

Attendance requirements(%):

A maximum of 2 absences.

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures by the teacher; Reading of translated texts.

Using and exploring digital sources and interactive resources.

During the semester you will be asked to submit 3 short reading reports. In these you will present your subjective impressions of primary sources from the course' selection. The reports can be written, audio or video recordings, illustrations, comics and more. A detailed explanation will be given at the beginning of the course.

The final assignment will entail the preparation of a scientific poster / slide presentation / or similar written or illustrated essay on a Roman concept, topic,

author or source.

A full explanation will be explained at the beginning of the course.

Course/Module Content:

- Introduction
- Roman Theatre, Play and Games
- Roman Satire and the City of
- Roman Architecture, Technology and Art
- Roman Philosophy, Ethics and the Study of Nature
- Roman Medicine: Theory and Methods
- Roman Medicine: Doctors and
- Disasters and Sorrow in the Roman World
- Roman Education, Religion and Time
- Historians and Writing History in Rome
- Roman Epic: Vergil and Ovid
- Women, Gender and Poets in Rome
- Rhetoric and Law in Ancient Rome
- Conclusion

Required Reading:

A detailed list will be given at the beginning of the course. The focus will be on translated primary sources and some articles. Most sources will be in English. For some primary sources Arabic translation are available.

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 60 %
Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 40 %

Additional information: