



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Roman Historians - 28412

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Classical Studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Teaching Staff:

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Course/Module description:

An introductory course in reading Latin prose in the original. A close reading of a selection from Nepos, Sallust and Livy will be used to introduce students to Latin historiography, its styles and language, its genres and its literary background

Course/Module aims:

- *to instruct students in reading Latin prose in the original*
- *to instruct students in reading classical texts with an apparatus criticus and understanding the considerations employed in editing the text*
- *to present the characteristics of different types and styles of Latin historiography*
- *to present Latin historiography on the background of Roman literature*
- *to instruct students in noting overt and covert aims of historians, their methods and their research tools*

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

- *to translate Latin prose into Hebrew prose*
- *to use a modern commentary*
- *to use an apparatus criticus and explain the editor's decision between variae lectiones*
- *to demonstrate acquaintance with Latin historiography, its genres, its aims and its tools*
- *to detect key terms and concepts relating to Roman political ideologies of the late republic and early principate*
- *to detect and exemplify ideological bias in historiography*

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Teaching based on close reading of texts the students are required to read, translate and analyze before each lesson

Course/Module Content:

- *Introduction: Roman historiography, its history, types, aims and methods*
- *Biography: Cornelius Nepos*
- *Monography: Sallust*

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- *Annalistic historiography: Livy*

Required Reading:

A selection from Nepos, Sallust and Livy

A selection of introductory articles

Additional Reading Material:

Students will be directed to relevant commentaries

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 100 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

For students who have completed s basic Latin course