



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *ROME - THE REPUBLIC AND THE EMPIRE - 39166*

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*HU Credits: 2*

*Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)*

*Responsible Department: History*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 2nd Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

*Course/Module Coordinator: Alexander Yakobson*

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Teaching Staff:

Prof Alexander Yakobson

Course/Module description:

*The Roman Republic and its imperial rule; the beginning of the crisis of the Late Republic*

Course/Module aims:

*From the Middle to the Late Republic: the emergence of Rome as a Mediterranean empire, the Roman imperialism and the beginning of crisis of the Late Republic*

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

*To describe the Roman Republican system of government - institutions, offices, basic notions.*

*To describe the Roman system of hegemony in Italy*

*To present the main stages of the development of Roman imperialism outside Italy.*

*To explain the impact of empire on Roman politics and society.*

*To present and analyze the first stages of the "Roman revolution".*

Attendance requirements(%):

85%

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Frontal teaching, reading ancient sources, questions and answers, in-depth discussion on several topics. a short written assignment*

Course/Module Content:

*1. Introduction: the establishment of the Republic, the "struggle of the orders", the new nobility. 2. The institutions of the Republic. 3. Roman Italy (the "Italian confederation". 4. The First Punic War" and the beginning of Roman imperialism. 5. Second Punic War - the Roman system in Italy put to the test. 6. Roman imperialism in the East and in the West; the provincial system. 7. Polybius and the "mixed constitution". 8. The crisis of the second century. 9. Tiberius Gracchus, the agrarian reform and the beginning of the "Roman Revolution". 10. The military reform of*

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*Marius and the late-Republican army. 11.The fundamental problems of the Late Republic*

Required Reading:

*H. H. Scullard, From the Gracchi to Nero, London 1982 (5th edition).*

*Sources; in the Moodle system.*

*P. Brunt, "The Army and the Land in the Roman Revolution", Journal of Roman Studies 52 (1962), 69 - 88*

Additional Reading Material:

*H. F. Jolowicz and B. Nickolas, Historical Introduction to the Study of Roman Law, Cambridge 1972.*

*Cambridge Ancient History, Vol. 8, "Rome and the Mediterranean to 133 BC; Vol. 9, "The Last Age of the Roman Republic" (Second Edition), Cambridge 1994*

Course/Module evaluation:

*End of year written/oral examination 80 %*

*Presentation 0 %*

*Participation in Tutorials 10 %*

*Project work 0 %*

*Assignments 10 %*

*Reports 0 %*

*Research project 0 %*

*Quizzes 0 %*

*Other 0 %*

Additional information: