# Roman History (12 ECTS credits or 6+6 ECTS credits)

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**General module (not repeatable) - Semester 1 (6 ECTS credits)**

***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The Roman History course is organised into two 30-hour modules. The first one (general module – LT/LM) aims to provide students with the necessary tools for understanding the historical and historiographical foundations (a general outline) of Roman History from its origins to the 5th century AD, so as to be able to confidently manage the various reference complexities.

At the end of semester 1, students will have to have acquired a good knowledge of the events of Roman history from its origins to the 5th century AD.

Furthermore, they will have to have acquired familiarity with the fundamental issues and the most important turning points of Roman history on which the lectures will be focused.

***COURSE CONTENT***

Critical introduction to the study of Roman history.

The history of Rome, from the origins to the end of the Western Roman Empire.

***READING LIST***

Lecture notes.

G. A. Cecconi, *La città e l’impero. Una storia del mondo romano dalle origini a Teodosio il Grande,* New edition, Carocci. Rome 2021.

A. Marcone, *L’ultimo anno dell’Impero. Roma 476*, Salerno Editrice, Rome 2021.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Classroom lessons.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Oral exam to assess the following:

* Knowledge and organisation of content
* Knowledge of the spatial-temporal references that are useful to contextualise historical facts
* Mastery of subject-specific terminology
* Independent organisation, presentation and justification of ideas.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Attendance is strongly recommended

There are no prerequisites for attending the course.

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG or on the Faculty notice board.

**Advanced Module-Semester 2 (6 ECTS credits)**

***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The second module (advanced module – LT/LM) aims to provide students with the methodological tools for approaching and studying in detail specific research topics in Roman history.

***COURSE CONTENT***

Emperor Septimius Severus

***READING LIST***

1. Lecture notes.

2. The texts made available on Blackboard.

3. A. Galimberti, *L’età dei Severi. Una dinastia a Roma tra II e III secolo*, Carocci, Rome 2023.

or, alternatively, one of the following volumes

1. G. Brizzi, *Roma contro i Parti. Due imperi in guerra*, Carocci, Rome 2022.

2. R. Cristofoli – A. Galimberti – F. Rohr Vio, *Dalla repubblica al principato. Politica e potere in Roma antica*, Carocci, Rome 2015.

3. F. Landucci – G. Zecchini, *Geopolitica del mondo antico. Caratteri politico-militari del Mediterraneo dal II millenio a.C. al VI secolo d.C.*, Carocci, Rome 2023, only the **chapters from 5 to 9**.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Lectures.

After a general introduction on the sources and the time of Septimius Severus, a selection of significant passages related to some important aspects and problems of Septimius Severus’s kingdom will be read, translated, and discussed in class.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Oral exam to assess the following:

* Understanding of the principles of historical reconstruction
* Application of philological principles to the discipline, for the purpose of historical reconstruction
* Translation of and commentary on the sources presented during the course
* Knowledge of specialist reading material

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Students are required to attend.

Students unable to attend should contact the lecturer to arrange preparation for the examination.

For essential understanding of the historical geography of the ancient world, a good historical atlas should be used.

The single-subject course in II Semester **is repeatable**.

The course is open to Master’s degree students who have already attended one or two semesters or a one-year course on Roman history.

Students should have basic knowledge of Roman history.

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