# Roman History

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General module, non-repeatable (1st semester)

COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

The Roman History course is divided into two 30-hour modules. The first module (general module – undergraduate/graduate) aims to provide students with the tools to learn the historical and historiographical foundations (their key elements) of Roman history from its origins to the fifth century AD; this will enable them to address the various reference problems with confidence.

At the end of the first semester students must have acquired a good knowledge of the events of Roman history from its origins to the fifth century AD.

They must also have acquired a good knowledge of the fundamental questions and most important milestones of Roman history covered in the lectures.

COURSE CONTENT

A critical introduction to the study of Roman History.

The history of Rome from its 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*, Nuova edizione, Carocci. Rome 2021.

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

TEACHING METHOD

Lectures.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

Oral exam aimed at ascertaining the following knowledge and competences:

Knowledge and organisation of content

Knowledge of useful space-time references for framing the historical facts

Mastery of the discipline's vocabulary

Presentation autonomy

NOTES AND PREREQUISITES

Notes

Attendance is highly recommended.

Prerequisites

As this is a basic course, there are no prerequisites.

Advanced module (2nd semester)

COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

The second module (advanced module – undergraduate/graduate) aims to provide students with the methodological tools for addressing and exploring more deeply specific research topics in the field of Roman history.

COURSE CONTENT

Emperor Septimius Severus.

READING LIST

1. Lecture notes.

2. Texts made available on the Blackboard platform.

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 **chapters 5 to 9**.

TEACHING METHOD

Classroom lectures.

After a general introduction to the sources and period of Septimius Severus, significant passages relating to some important aspects and problems of Septimius Severus’ principality will be read, translated and discussed.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

Oral exam aimed at ascertaining the following knowledge and competences:

Mastery of the historical reconstruction criteria

Application of philological criteria to the discipline aimed at historical reconstruction

Translation and commentary of the sources presented during the course

Knowledge of the specialist reading list

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Attendance is required.

Those who are unable to attend must contact the lecturer to agree on the modalities for exam preparation.

We recommend using a good historical atlas for indispensable knowledge of the historical geography of the ancient world.

The single-subject course of the second semester may be repeated.

The course is open to graduate students who have already taken one or two semesters or a year of Roman History.

Prerequisites

The student must have a basic knowledge of Roman history.

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