ANCIENT HISTORY

In the Department of Classics

The Classics Department offers courses listed in this catalogue under “Ancient History,” “Classics,” “Greek,” and “Latin.”

Course Offerings

AN145j  Between Revolution and Tradition: Julius Caesar and Augustus  Listed as Classics 145.  Two credit hours.  J. ROISMAN

AN154s  Roman History  Survey of ancient Roman history and civilization from foundation of Rome to the reign of Augustus, its first emperor. Covers major political, social, and cultural trends and events that made ancient Rome one of the most influential civilizations in history. The course deals with the origins and development of the Roman state, social and political institutions, major political and military developments, gender relations, Roman Games, comedy, expansion in the Mediterranean, transition from monarchy to republic to one-man rule, and influence on other civilizations including our own. Students will develop analytical and interpretative skills. A second paper is required for the fourth credit.  Three or four credit hours.  H. J. ROISMAN

AN158f  Greek History  A survey of Greek history from the earliest times to the Classical period. Includes the Heroic age, the evolution of Greek city-states, the intertwined histories of Athens and Sparta, major political and military developments, gender relations, encounters with non-Greek civilizations, Classical drama, comedy and philosophy, practices and attitudes toward injustice and inequality, as well as the impact of Greek culture on other civilizations including our own. Students are expected to develop their analytical and interpretative skills of historical and cultural phenomena both in writing and orally. A second paper is required for the fourth credit.  Three or four credit hours.  H. J. ROISMAN

AN234s  In Search of a Strong Man: Greece in the Fourth Century  Listed as Classics 234.  Four credit hours.  H, I. J. ROISMAN

[AN342]  The Good, the Bad, and the Mad: Early Imperial Rome  Seminar to familiarize students with major aspects and characters of the first emperors of Rome and their impact on their contemporaries. Covers ancient sources for early imperial Rome, transition from Republic to monarchy, Augustus’s moral legislation and Roman slavery, Tiberius and the politics of accession and treason trials, conflicting views of Gaius Caligula, Caligula and Claudius and the Jews of Alexandria, Claudius and the ‘rule’ of imperial women, Nero, the great fire and the Christians, and the first Jewish war. Students will develop analytical and interpretative skills through oral presentations and argumentation and by writing an in-depth research paper.  Four credit hours.  H.

[AN351]  Law, Society, and Politics in Ancient Athens  Examines Athenian law and litigation in their social and political context. Discusses the origins and development of Athenian law, concepts of justice, and how Athenian trials were conducted. Analyzes historical cases of homicide, assault, sexual misconduct, tort and property, and political and communal misconduct. Examines the rhetoric of presenting a case in court. Students will construct mock trials in which they play the roles of prosecutors, defendants, and jurors. Students will develop analytical and interpretative skills through oral presentations, argumentation, and writing an in-depth research paper.  Four credit hours.  H.

AN356f  Alexander the Great  Listed as Classics 356.  Four credit hours.  H. J. ROISMAN