

HIEU 144 Topics in European History: Rome at War



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Time: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00-9:50

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Midterm: In Class Wednesday, February 5

Final Exam: Wednesday, March 19, 8-11

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This course will focus on the development of the Roman army in the context of the evolution of Roman society. The army of any society is a reflection of that society. The Roman army was extraordinary. For nine centuries it was the most effective army in the ancient West. It was defeated in particular battles but in the end the Romans prevailed. The course will try to provide an explanation of this remarkable institution. The history of Rome will provide the necessary background to various changes the army went through. Equipment, tactics, the experience of battle and the effects of military success on Roman society will be discussed. The course will cover developments that led from a citizen militia to a

professional army that protected an empire with a 9,000 mile border and a population of between 50-60 millions.

Grade Breakdown

Midterm _____	40%
Final _____	60%

The midterm and final will be composed of two parts: identifications and two essays. The elements of both will be discussed in class.

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism:

It is your responsibility to know and observe all university rules concerning academic honesty and plagiarism. Any student found to have committed a substantial violation of the university rules concerning academic honesty will fail the entire course. If you have any questions about the policies relating to academic honesty and plagiarism, please feel free to speak with me or your TA.

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Required Texts

Campbell, Brian, *The Roman Army 31 BC-AD 337: A Sourcebook*, Routledge (London and New York, 1994)

Sage, Michael, *The Republican Roman Army: A Sourcebook* Routledge (London and New York, 2008).

Mackay, C. S., *Ancient Rome, A Military and Political History*, Cambridge, (Cambridge, 2004).

Week 1

January 6- 10

Introduction, Sources, Rome of the Kings, the Earliest Roman Army

Mackay 1-22, 40-43; Sage 1-17

Week 2

January 13-17

The Servian Army, Expansion under the Kings, the Birth of the Republic, Expansion in the Fifth Century, the Etruscans and Gauls to 300, the Italian Allies

Mackay 23-46, Sage 18-34, 42-63,

Week 3

January 20- 24

The End of the Latin League, the Wars with the Samnites, the Conquest of Southern Italy, the Manipular Army I

Mackay 46 – 49, 59-75, Sage 63-114

Week 4

January 27-31

Manipular Army II, the Age of the Great Wars the Roman Experience of Battle, Roman Alliances and Treaties, the Roman Navy

Mackay 76-92, Sage 125-135, 142-194

Week 5

February 3-7

The Roman Camp, Military Training, Discipline and Rewards, Conditions of Service, Medical Treatment, Military Pay, Booty, Colonization, Logistics, Religion

Mackay 53-54, 93-129, Sage 34-38, 114-119, 135-142, 208-212, 213-218, 229-231, 248, 265, 268, 273

Week 6

The Impact of Empire, the Transition to the Cohort, the Civilian and Social Wars, the End of the Republic, Imperialism

Mackay 130-176, Sage 197=208, 234-246, 249-253, 267-276

Week 7

Augustus and the Birth of the Imperial Army, the Composition of the Military, Officers, the Auxiliaries, Conditions of Service, Recruitment, Training,

Mackay 179-222, Campbell 9-78

Week 8

Equipment, the Army in the in the Field, the Camp, Siege Warfare, Rewards and Punishments, Client Kings

Mackay 223-265, Campbell 79-107

Week 9

The Third Century Crisis, Frontiers, the International Situation, Changes in the Army during the Crisis, Army Religion in the Third Century, Veterans

Mackay 266-290, Campbell 181-230

Week 10

Soldier and Civilian, the Reforms of Diocletian and Constantine, the Later Roman Army

Mackay 291-330, Campbell 110-139, 231-249

There is also a useful website De Imperatpribus Romanis which contains accurate biographies of Roman and Byzantine Emperors. <http://www.roman-emperors.org/>