Metropolitan State University

HUM 312 : The Classical World: Rome

A. Course Description

Credits: 4
Prerequisites: WRIT 131 Writing I or have instructor's permission.
Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None
Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal 06 - Humanities/Fine Arts

Over a thousand-year span, Rome grew from an insecure settlement on the Tiber River to an empire dominating most of Europe, North Africa and the Near East. Even after 1,500 years, Europe and the Americas continue to reflect Roman political, technological, literary and intellectual culture, to which this course provides an introduction.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/01/1998 - 09/05/1999 09/06/1999 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Analyze the influence of ancient Rome on contemporary Western culture at a level consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctly characteristic of upper-division courses at comprehensive universities.
2. Apply ancient Roman philosophies to an analysis of its cultural history at a level consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctly characteristic of upper-division courses at comprehensive universities.
3. Distinguish among important ancient Roman artistic and literary genres at a level consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctly characteristic of upper-division courses at comprehensive universities.
4. Distinguish among traditional periods of ancient Roman cultural history at a level consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctly characteristic of upper-division courses at comprehensive universities.
5. Distinguish important themes and aesthetic characteristics in the literature and art of ancient Rome at a level consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctly characteristic of upper-division courses at comprehensive universities.
6. Know characteristic institutions and achievements of ancient Rome at a level consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctly characteristic of upper-division courses at comprehensive universities.
7. Know the outlines of the political and cultural history of ancient Rome at a level consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctly characteristic of upper-division courses at comprehensive universities.
8. Recognize, appreciate, and explain allusions to ancient Rome at a level consistent with the analytical and expressive complexity and sophistication that are distinctly characteristic of upper-division courses at comprehensive universities.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)
Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies
None

Goal 06 - Humanities/Fine Arts
1. Articulate an informed personal reaction to works in the arts and humanities.
2. Understand those works as expressions of individual and human values within an historical and social context.
3. Engage in the creative process or interpretive performance.
4. Demonstrate awareness of the scope and variety of works in the arts and humanities.
5. Respond critically to works in the arts and humanities.

G. Special Information

None