

ROMAN HISTORIANS: SALLUST

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Please Note: This is an online course only.

This is a preliminary draft of the syllabus. Other items and the assignments will be added later. The intent of this document is to give you a basic idea of the course contents and the books required.

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Meeting time: Evening on line session time will be announced.

Texts: (available on line through various sellers; e.g. Amazon, Barnes & Noble, etc. or through local bookstores)

J. T. Ramsey (ed.) *Sallust's Bellum Catilinae* (2nd edition; Oxford University press; 1st edition is OK) paperback ISBN 0891305602 Required **Sallust's *Bellum Catilinae***
Edited with an Introduction and Commentary by J. T. Ramsey
ISBN13: 9780891305606 ISBN10: 0891305602 paper, 272 pages
Jul 2000, \$19.95 (04)

Ronald Syme, *Sallust* (Univ. of Calif. Press repr. 2002) ISBN 0520234790 paper Required

A. Handford (transl.), *Sallust: The Jugurthine War/The Conspiracy of Catiline* (Penguin; Baltimore 1963) paperback. The ISBN, I think, is 0140441328 Suggested

You must have a good Latin dictionary and a grammar. I recommend: *An Elementary Latin Dictionary* by Charlton T. Lewis (List Price: \$39.95; Oxford University Press; used copies available on the internet @ ca. \$20) ISBN: 0199102058. Available in the Classics Library, 125 Dauer, are: full, unabridged Latin dictionaries (Oxford, Lewis & Short), a reference grammar, and

the *Oxford Classical Dictionary*. Other materials may be placed on a special shelf there for your use. Several different grammars and the Lewis & Short are on the **web**:

Lewis & Short Dictionary: <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/newlatin.html>
Grammar & dictionary: <http://www.nd.edu/~archives/latgramm.htm>
Rhetoric figures: <http://www.uky.edu/ArtsSciences/Classics/rhetoric.html>
<http://rhetoric.byu.edu/>

Also placed in the Seminar Room on a special shelf for this course will be many of the additional readings for this course, available on an honor reserve basis.

Exams, Reports, and Grading:

To be announced later

Assignments:

Course Goals:

To be announced later

Course Goals:

- improve your ability to read, understand, and appreciate Latin prose style
- familiarize yourselves with the life, career, and works of Sallust,
- gain background knowledge of the context of the period, especially the politics and history of the Late Republic,
- appreciate the methods and techniques of Roman historiography in the context of its Hellenic and Hellenistic background (especially with regard to such topics as Sallust's style, use of rhetoric, use of sources, and his philosophy of history),
- appreciate the *Bellum Catilinae* as a literary work in its own right,
- understand the characters and characterizations of the leading figures in this historical monograph: Cicero, Caesar, and Cato

Procedures: We will read intensively and with great attention to the points mentioned under "Course Goals" the entire Latin text of Sallust's *Bellum Catilinae*. There will also be considerable background reading in secondary works, reports on scholarly studies of the monographs and their background, structured on-line discussion, and other activities designed to enhance your understanding of Sallust.

Internet Resources:

The UF Classics department Web page has internet links to a wide variety of sites dealing with the Roman world, its history, civilization, and archaeology: <http://web.classics.ufl.edu>

For basic materials on Roman civilization you may try the Vroma site at: <http://www.vroma.org> or <http://vroma.rhodes.edu/~bmcmanus/romanpages.html>

For preparation of your assignments:

Lewis & Short Dictionary: <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/newlatin.html>

Grammar & dictionary: <http://www.nd.edu/~archives/latgramm.htm>

Rhetorical figures: <http://www.uky.edu/ArtsSciences/Classics/rhetoric.html> and
<http://humanities.byu.edu/rhetoric/silva.htm>

Text of all the Sallustian corpus: <http://www.thelatinlibrary.com/sall.html>

Bibliography of Sallust: <http://www.let.kun.nl/~m.v.d.poel/bibliografie/sallustius.htm>

On Catiline: <http://users.ipa.net/~tanker/catiline.htm>

Short intro to Sallust: http://www.uah.edu/student_life/organizations/SAL/bios/gscrispus.html

On the Roman Revolution from the Gracchi to Octavian:
<http://orb.rhodes.edu/textbooks/westciv/romanrevolution.html>

All **Plutarch lives**, including Marius and Sulla:
<http://classics.mit.edu/Plutarch/>

The Julius Caesar site: <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/JC/>

Sallust online:

http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/cache/perscoll_Greco-Roman.html#text1

Specifically, the *Catiline*:

<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/cgi-bin/ptext?doc=Perseus%3Atext%3A1999.02.0123>

<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/cgi-bin/ptext?doc=Perseus%3Atext%3A1999.02.0124>

For background and research:

Classics collection: <http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/cm/classics/> (this has a vast number of interesting and useful links in a variety of different areas in classical studies).

Another excellent portal: <http://ww.tlg.uci.edu/~tlg/index/resources.html>

Tocsin search engine <http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/cgi-bin/amphoras/tocfind>

Gnomon search engine <http://www.gnomon.ku-eichstaett.de/Gnomon/ts.html>

Women in the ancient world <http://www.stoa.org/diotima/> and also see:
<http://www.stoa.org/diotima/anthology/wlgr/index.shtml>

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Quo usque tandem abutere, Catilina, patientia nostra?

