

DEPARTMENT OF GREEK AND ROMAN STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FALL SEMESTER 2010
GRST 315
ROMAN WOMEN

Instructor: Hanne Sigismund Nielsen

Time: MWF 12:00 - 12:50

Place: ST 139

Texts

There is no textbook for this course. Reading material will be posted on Blackboard.

Readings will consist of primary and secondary sources illustrating all facets of women's role in ancient Roman society.

Classes

Will consist of lectures illustrated with Power Point presentations that afterwards will be posted on Blackboard. There will of course also be discussion of the material and you are expected to participate.

The course will move forward chronologically from the second Punic war to around AD 100 with an added outlook to early Christianity.

You are expected to have sufficient knowledge about Roman history in general for the period covered.

Tests and Exams

Midterm	Date	Format	Value of final grade
First midterm	8 October	Essay format	10%
Second midterm	5 November	Essay format	20%
Third midterm	26 November	Multiple choice, short answer	30%
Final take home essay	10 December	Essay format, topics will be posted 19 November	40%

Topics for the first and second midterm cumulative

Topics for third midterm taken from entire course and includes pictures from class notes

Breakdown of grades

A+	95 – 100
A	90 – 94
A -	85 – 89
B+	80 – 84
B	75 - 79
B-	70 – 74
C+	65 – 69
C	60 – 64
C-	55 – 59
D+	50 – 54
D	45 – 49
F	0 – 44

Schedule

Week	Topic
13 - 17 September	Introduction to course. Women before, during, after the second Punic war From a society of farmers to an imperium The Vestal virgins
20 - 24 September	Aemilia, Cornelia, Sempronia, women in politics The Gracchi and the Scipios Roman names and status groups Roman marriage
27 September - 1 October	The emergence of the individual Clodia, Catullus, Cicero Catiline and his conspiracy and Sempronia
4 - 8 October	Economy, political negotiations in a time of civil war Terentia and Tullia First Midterm
13 - 15 October	Roman love elegy, poets and lovers Volumnia Cytheris and Sulpicia Thanksgiving
18 - 22 October	The women around Antony and Caesar Fulvia, Cleopatra, Servilia
25 - 29 October	The women around Augustus Moral laws and political propaganda; Lucretia Scribonia, Octavia, Livia, Julia
1 - 5 November	The non-existing univira and her woolwork Cornelia from Propertius 4.11 and Turia Second Midterm
8 - 10 November	Women's work fishmongers, midwives, and everything in between Remembrance Day
15 - 19 November	Childcare and education Wetnurses
22 - 26 November	Portraits of ladies Dress and hair Third Midterm

Week	Topic
29 November - 3 December	Women on inscriptions What can that tell us about women from lower classes
6 - 10 December	Christianity, a new role for women Perpetua the martyr and Paula the ascetic <i>Final Essay Due</i>

This is an ambitious schedule and we may not get through it all. Rather than rushing anything I prefer to spend the time necessary and skip what we cannot fit into class time.

1. Last day to register, add courses or change registration status in fall term courses is Friday, September 24, 2010. The last day to withdraw from this course with permission is December 10, 2010.

2. Students should observe the regulations on "Student Misconduct" (plagiarism, cheating, etc.) which are found in the on-line version of the 2010-2011 University of Calgary Calendar (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2.html>). If you need guidance about these issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

3. Disabilities. It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.