COURSE DETAIL

ROMAN DEMOCRACY: MYTH OR REALITY?

Country
United Kingdom - England

Host Institution
University College London

Program(s)
University College London

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History Classics

UCEAP Course Number
137

UCEAP Course Suffix
N

UCEAP Official Title
ROMAN DEMOCRACY: MYTH OR REALITY?

UCEAP Transcript Title
ROMAN DEMOCRACY

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course investigates Roman politics through the lens of classical political theory, applying ideas about liberty, citizenship, equality, and form of government to the real political practices of the Romans of the first century BC. The course commences with a survey of the everyday political environment of first-century Rome, which provides the context for an in-depth analysis of republican ideology. The course then explores the political thought of influential ancient authors such as Plato, Aristotle, Polybius, and Cicero, before examining the ways in which the image of the Roman Republic and its associated political ideology have been constructed and applied in political theory across the centuries, tracing their metamorphosis in the writings of Machiavelli, 17th-century English republicans, the defenders of the American constitution, and the French Enlightenment.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HIST0505

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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus
Bloomsbury

Host Institution Faculty
Faculty of Social and Historical Sciences

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
History

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