

## 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**

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**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

### **Host Institution Course Title**

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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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