

## COURSE DETAIL

### CULTURE AND THOUGHT IN THE LATE ROMAN REPUBLIC

**Country**

United Kingdom - Scotland

**Host Institution**

University of St Andrews

**Program(s)**

University of St Andrews

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Classics

**UCEAP Course Number**

132

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

CULTURE AND THOUGHT IN THE LATE ROMAN REPUBLIC

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

CULTR IN ROMAN REP

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

## Course Description

The Late Republic (first century BCE) was a time of change and conflict in the city of Rome and the wider Roman Empire. In political terms the history of that century is dominated by the series of civil wars which led to the political dominance and assassination of Julius Caesar. The literature and art of that period in many cases reflect those tensions and problems. It was also a time of rapid development of Roman art and literature as it sought to form its own new identity through the traditions it had inherited from Greek culture. From the seething passions of Catullus' poetry, through Lucretius' philosophical poetic treatise *ON THE NATURE OF THINGS*, to the stylish rhetoric of Cicero, the course sets the main literary texts of that period against the broader backdrop of Roman art, culture, and social life. All texts will be studied in translation.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

CL2004

### Host Institution Course Title

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### Host Institution Campus

St Andrews

### Host Institution Faculty

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

Classics

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