

## COURSE DETAIL

### ROMAN IMPERIAL ART, ARCHITECTURE AND POLITICAL PROPAGANDA

**Country**

China

**Host Institution**

Peking University, Beijing

**Program(s)**

Peking University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

History Art History

**UCEAP Course Number**

139

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

ROMAN IMPERIAL ART, ARCHITECTURE AND POLITICAL PROPAGANDA

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

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**UCEAP Quarter Units**

3.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

2.00

### **Course Description**

This course moves thematically and chronologically from the Pax Romana established by Augustus to the rise of imperial cities in Africa under Septimius Severus. Themes of peace, triumph and conflict will be viewed through a series of core-and-periphery test cases. Themes will include Augustan Peace, The Wars in Judaea, The Spoils of Territorial Expansion under Trajan (looking at Dacia and Parthia), Territorial Consolidation under Hadrian (exploring Rome and Britain) and the Art of Ruling in Absentia (as exemplified by Marcus Aurelius' reign on the Danube). Students will analyze the Roman conceptualization of events taking place on the fringe of empire and the nature of their portrayal at the administrative core in terms of Roman imperial expansion and later contraction and collapse. Imperial propaganda will be investigated through a reading of the most famous imperial architectural designs in Rome and tested against archaeological evidence for daily life in the related provinces.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

02133132

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### **Host Institution Course Details**

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### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

**Course Last Reviewed**

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