



Course Syllabus

Course Code LAW-155	Course Title Roman Law	ECTS Credits 6
Prerequisites None	Department Law	Semester Fall/Spring
Type of Course Elective	Field Legal History	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1st Cycle	Lecturer Dr. Stergios Mitas	Year of Study Any
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Corequisites None

Course Objectives:

The course provides, at first instance, an introduction to the basic legal institutions of the Roman world, throughout its historical periods (Monarchy, Republic, Empire). Emphasis is given, secondly, on the elementary notions and principles of the Roman civil law and judicial procedures. The course aims, at a profounder critical level, at the overall appreciation of the Roman legal tradition as a major, both institutional and doctrinal, influence on the modern world legal systems, both of the common law and the continental traditions.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Demonstrate critical knowledge, concerning Roman history and the development of Roman law through its various historical stages
2. Explain the basic institutional features of Roman legal system(s)
3. Competently perceive and distinguish the various legal sources, rules, principles and procedures of the Roman civil law
4. Evaluate the impact Roman law bears upon modern legal systems
5. Appreciate how history is of critical importance in studying the law.

Course Content:

During the course, the student will cover the following:

1. Roman Monarchy and Roman Republic (Magistrature and Assemblies)
2. Archaic law and the XII Tables
3. Early criminal law and justice, and the emergence of the *ius gentium*
4. The *legis actio* procedure, edicts and Republican legislation
5. The formulary system
6. Legal personality and slavery
7. Status and *potestas*
8. Marriage, divorce and adoption
9. Dowry and guardianship
10. Ownership and possession
11. Servitudes
12. Derivative modes of acquiring ownership and *usucapio*
13. Original modes of acquiring ownership (other than *usucapio*)

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, group assignments, case-study analysis, audio-visual material

Assessment Methods:

Mid-term exam, final exam, assignments and participation

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
<i>Textbook on Roman Law, 5th edition</i>	Andrew Borkowski – Paul du Plessis	Oxford University Press	2015	

<i>An Introduction to Roman Law</i>	Barry Nicholas	Clarendon Law Series	1975	
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Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
<i>A Legal History of Rome</i>	George Mousourakis	Routledge	2007	
<i>A Short History of Roman Law</i>	Olga Tellegen-Couperus	Routledge	1993	
<i>A Text-Book of Roman Law: From Augustus to Justinian, 3rd edition</i>	W. W. Buckland	Cambridge University Press	1963	
<i>Roman Law in Context</i>	David Johnston	Cambridge University Press	1999	
<i>Roman Law and the Legal World of the Romans</i>	Andrew M. Riggsby	Cambridge University Press	2010	
<i>European Legal History: A Cultural and Political Perspective</i>	Randall Lesaffer	Cambridge University Press	2009	
<i>Roman Law and European Legal History</i>	Ditlev Tamm	Djøf	1997	
<i>The Elements of Roman Law, 4th ed.</i>	R. W. Lee	Sweet & Maxwell	1986	

<i>The Criminal Law of Ancient Rome</i>	O. F. Robinson	The Johns Hopkins University Press	1995	
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