



Course Syllabus

Course Code LAW-155	Course Title Roman Law	ECTS Credits 6
Prerequisites -	Department Law	Semester Fall /Spring
Type of Course Elective	Field History of Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Lecturer Dr. Ioannis E. Kastanas	Year of Study Any
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement -	Corequisites -

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
An Introduction to Roman Law	Barry Nicholas	Clarendon Law Series	1975	9780198760634
A Short History of Roman Law	Olga Tellegen-Couperu	Routledge	1993	9780415072519

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
A Text-Book of Roman Law: From Augustus to Justinian, 3rd edition	W. W. Buckland	Cambridge University Press	1963	978-0521043601