HIST 585-003 Special Topics in History:

Topic: The Later Roman Empire

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Semester Description:

**Law, Religion, and Society**

This course explores the political, social, religious and legal changes in the Roman world from the end of the 3rd century C.E. to the end of the 5th century. Topics include the persecutions and Christian martyrdom, the “Christianization” of the Empire, asceticism and the rise of monasticism, the great codifications of Roman law (particularly the Theodosian Code), the disintegration of the western half of the Empire into regional, "barbarian" states, the question of “ethnicity” and changes in private life and gender roles. A reading knowledge of Latin is recommended but not required; ability to read current scholarship in French or German also helpful.

Required Textbooks, Articles, and Resources:


Also articles in:


4. Late Antiquity.

5. L'Antiquité tardive, Early Medieval Europe.


Readings in ancient sources in translation as found in sourcebooks or edited collections.

Grading:

There will be a midterm paper of 10-15 pages researching and analyzing laws from the Theodosian Code, and a final paper of 20 pages researching the “state of the question” of some current issue in late Roman/late antique studies. In addition, students will send in short weekly email responses to the readings and do three short oral presentations on topics relevant to their own interests.

Auditors:

Official auditors for this class are expected to do the readings and participate in class, and to send in the short weekly email responses. Auditors do not have to do the midterm or final paper. They are encouraged to do at least one oral presentation.