

**St. Mary's College**  
**Department of Humanities**  
**LAT 401: Advanced Latin Seminar:**  
**The Roman Monarchy: Livy Book 1**  
**Fall 2024**

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**Office Hours:** By appointment

**Class Schedule:** MWF 2:20-3:10; Room 202

**Course Description and Purpose:**

For students with considerable experience reading Latin prose and poetry, LAT 401 explores advanced readings across all genres and periods and includes discussion and analysis of historical and cultural aspects of texts; each semester concentrates on a specific author or theme. This semester, LAT 401 will immerse the student in the world of earliest Rome via Book 1 of Livy's *Ab Urbe Condita*. We will explore both text and context, with the aim of reaching a more complete appraisal of one of the major works of Latin literature as well as its reception in later periods. The course culminates in a research paper, for which we will prepare by exploring scholarly articles throughout the semester.

**Course Materials (required):**

Text: *Livy: Book 1*. ed. J. L. Whiteley. Bristol Classical Press. ISBN: 978-0862922962.

A Latin dictionary is also required.

**Grading and Assignments:**

Students are to arrive at class prepared to translate the assigned passages. All are expected to engage in independent readings followed by lively discussions in the classroom.

Three translation quizzes will be administered as noted in the schedule below.

Students will read a total of ten scholarly articles during the semester. Each student will choose one article for which to lead a class discussion. Students may choose from a list of approved articles or select another with permission from the instructor.

A research paper will be assigned in place of a final exam, the proposal for which is due October 18 (the final draft is due December 10). Each student will give a brief oral presentation on the final paper topic selected.

Regular attendance is expected. More than three unexcused absences within a semester will affect the student's final grade, resulting in an automatic drop of one letter grade increment (e.g., an A drops to an A-) for EACH absence after the third.

Late assignments will affect the student's final grade, resulting in an automatic drop of 5 points each day after the assigned due date.

**Grade Distribution:**

Quizzes:	30%
Article presentation:	20%
Project proposal:	20%
Final paper/presentation:	30%

Week 1:	9/4	Introduction; Livy ( <i>Ab Urbe Condita</i> ): Praefatio
	9/6	AUC 1.1(Aeneas)

Week 2:	9/9	1.2 (Aeneas)
	9/11	1.3-4 (Aeneas/Rhea Silvia/Romulus and Remus)

	9/13	1.4; *Article presentation
Week 3:	9/16	1.5 (Romulus and Remus, cont.)
	9/18	1.6 (Romulus and Remus, cont.)
	9/20	1.7 (augury; rites of Hercules); *Article presentation
Week 4:	9/23	1.8-9
	9/25	<b>QUIZ 1</b>
	9/27	1.10 (abduction of the Sabines); *GUEST PRESENTATION
Week 5:	9/30	1.11 (Tarpeia)
	10/2	1.12-13 (Sabines)
	10/4	1.16 (end of Romulus); *Article presentation
Week 6:	10/7	1.18-19 (Numa)
	10/9	1.20 (Numa, cont.)
	10/11	1.21 (Numa, cont.); *Article presentation
Week 7:	10/14	<b>COLUMBUS DAY - NO CLASS (TRIP TO CAPITOL BUILDING)</b>
	10/16	1.22-23 (Tullus Hostilius);
	10/18	1.24-25 (Horatii and Curiatii); <b>PROJECT PROPOSAL DUE</b>
Week 8:	10/21	1.28 (Mettius Fufetius)
	10/23	<b>QUIZ 2</b>
	10/25	1.32/34 (Ancus Martius); *Article presentation
Week 9:	10/28	1.35-36 (L. Tarquinius Priscus)
	10/30	<b>NO CLASS (MID-SEMESTER BREAK)</b>
	11/1	<b>NO CLASS (ALL SAINTS' DAY)</b>
Week 10:	11/4	1.39-40 (L. Tarquinius Priscus)
	11/6	1.41-42 (end of Tarquinius Priscus; Servius Tullius)
	11/8	1.45 (Servius Tullius, cont.); *Article presentation
Week 11:	11/11	1.46-47 (Servius Tullius, cont.)
	11/13	<b>QUIZ 3</b>
	11/15	1.48 (end of Servius Tullius); *Article presentation
Week 12:	11/18	1.49-1.50 (L. Tarquinius Superbus)
	11/20	1.56-57 (L. Tarquinius Superbus, cont.)
	11/22	1.58 (Lucretia); *Article presentation
Week 13:	11/25	1.59 (Lucretia)
	11/27	<b>NO CLASS (THANKSGIVING BREAK)</b>
	11/29	<b>NO CLASS (THANKSGIVING BREAK)</b>
Week 14:	12/2	<b>NO CLASS (THANKSGIVING BREAK)</b>
	12/4	1.60 (end of the Monarchy)
	12/6	<b>FINAL PRESENTATIONS</b>
Week 15:	12/9:	<b>FINAL PRESENTATIONS</b>
	12/11:	<b>FINAL PRESENTATIONS; FINAL PROJECT DUE</b>
	12/13	<b>NO CLASSES (STUDY DAY)</b>