Advanced Colloquium:
Sources for Roman Military History
History 209, Spring 2013
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Course Purpose
This course will focus on the sources for Ancient Military History and how to use them in reconstructing the history of ancient armies, soldiers and warfare. The course will involve oral and written reports and well as general, in-depth discussion. Participation will improve students' research and writing skills and they will gain experience in presenting and defending material orally. We will also cover the professional standards for work in ancient history.

Class Requirements
Each student will choose a source. On each source he or she will give a 30-45 minute oral presentation and be prepared to answer questions on the subject from the professor and other students. The presentation should focus on the general historiographical issues of the historian or sources (such as biography, method, problems in usage, technical points, etc) as well as analyzing the source in terms of military history and the reconstruction of Roman warfare and military life. Secondary literature, including journal articles, should be used in these presentations. The final exam will be an essay on the use of sources. Each presentation should be written up into a 3000-4000 words paper incorporating the points raised in discussion. This will satisfy the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. There will be a final examination. Grades will be calculated on the following basis, Oral Report: 25%, Written Paper: 30%, Class Participation 20%, Final: 25%.

Required Textbooks

Schedule:
(1) Introduction, Ancient Primary Sources (Roth)
(2) The Study of the Roman Army (Roth)
(3) Livy
(4) Polybius
(5) Caesar
(6) Josephus
(7) Ammianus Marcellinus
(8) Vegetius
(9) Military Manuals
(10) Papyrology and Epigraphy
(12) Wednesday, November 4: Visual Representation
(13) Wednesday, November 18: Archaeology
(15) Vegetius
(16) General Discussion

Bibliographies

Database for Classical Bibliography
L'Année Philologique
Hugh Elton, Warfare in the Ancient World Bibliography: www.fiu.edu/~eltonh/Army.html
John Lenz, Guide to Classics Resources: www.users.drew.edu/~jlenz/classics.html
M. van der Poel, on-line Short Bibliography of the Latin Language and Literature: http://let00406.let.kun.nl/~m.v.d.poel/bibliografie/indexgeneralis.htm

General Ancient Military History

Roman Military History (General)
Rich, J. and Shipley, G. (eds.), War and Society in the Roman World,

Roman Republican Military History
Adcock, F.E., The Roman Art of War under the Republic, Cambridge, 1940.
Grant, M., The Army of the Caesars, London, 1974,

**Roman Imperial Military History**


**Late Roman Military History**


**Sources: General**


*Livy*

**Polybius**


Sacks, K. *Polybius on the Writing of History,* Berkeley, 1981.


**Caesar**


**Josephus**


*Ammianus Marcellinus*

**Vegetius**

**Military Handbooks**

**Papyrology**