

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY  
FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND RELIGION

COURSE OUTLINE – Fall 2017

<b>Course</b>	GRST 315
<b>Time</b>	MWF 1:00 – 1:50
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**Required Text:** H H. Scullard, *From the Gracchi to Nero: A History of Rome 133 BC to AD 68*. You can buy this book as paperback or kindle download on amazon.ca:

[https://www.amazon.ca/Gracchi-Nero-History-Rome-133/dp/0415584884/ref=sr\\_1\\_7?ie=UTF8&qid=1502391321&sr=8-7&keywords=scullard](https://www.amazon.ca/Gracchi-Nero-History-Rome-133/dp/0415584884/ref=sr_1_7?ie=UTF8&qid=1502391321&sr=8-7&keywords=scullard)

Scullard's book is a textbook of Roman history for the period we cover in class, late republic to early empire. I have chosen this particular book because you need to have a good knowledge of Roman history to understand the role Roman women played in Roman society. You will not be tested specifically in questions of Roman history but your understanding will be reflected in your assignments and tests. Traditional textbooks like Scullard do not mention women very frequently. That is a pity because women were everywhere in Roman society and played important roles at all levels of society.

We will focus on three different areas of study:

- 1: Roman women in politics from Cornelia to Agrippina the Younger. Cornelia was mother of Gaius and Tiberius Gracchus the political reformers of the end of the second century. Agrippina the Younger was the mother of Nero the last Julio-Claudian emperor.
- 2: Women at work. For this area, we will read texts that illustrate women's work as midwives and farm overseers. We will also read epitaphs commemorating working women and study archaeological and iconographic evidence for women's work.
- 3: Women's role in early Christianity. We will end the course with looking at early Christianity and the role of women here. The earliest evidence we have for women in Christianity stems from the early third century. We will read the diary of the martyr Vibia Perpetua who was killed in Carthage in 203. We will also read what early church fathers had to say about women.

**Additional text(s):** Will be provided during the course. The TFDL subscribes to online versions of Greek and Roman literature (Loeb Classical Library: CLL). Relevant texts from CLL will be assigned during the semester. In addition, you will be assigned articles, primarily from JSTOR. I will also provide you with handouts.

**Course Description:** In many ways, Roman women were more independent than women anywhere in the western world have been until very recently. They could not vote or hold military office, but these were very much the only restrictions they faced. We will read the ancient sources

and see what they actually tell us about the lives and roles of Roman women. In addition, we will read modern scholarly studies that focus on various aspects of Roman women's lives.

**Online elements for this course:  
(if any)  
D2L**

**Core Competencies:** Students will learn to understand and interpret ancient sources, both archaeological and literary, that illustrate the lives of Roman women. Importantly, they will also learn to assess modern scholarly literature with regard to information about Roman women.

**Course Requirements:**

Date	Assessment	Weight (%)
Oct 16, Nov 8, Dec 6	Three factual quizzes	30%
Oct 27	Short answer commentary midterm test	30%
Nov 20	Short answer commentary final test	40%

There is no Registrar scheduled exam for this class.

**Grading**

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. A letter grade will be assigned on the following number and letter grade scheme, usually used within the Department of Classics and Religion:

A+	100 - 96	A	95 - 90	A-	89 - 85
B+	84 - 80	B	79 - 75	B-	74 - 70
C+	69 - 65	C	64 - 60	C-	59 - 55
D+	54 - 53	D	52-50	F	Under 50

N.B. All written assignments will be graded with regard to both form and content.

**Policy with regard to missed assignments/assessments: Failure to pass assignments or assessments will result in failure of the course.**

**Syllabus:**

A complete syllabus will be made available the first week of class.

**Academic Honesty**

Plagiarism is not tolerated at the University of Calgary and has serious consequences. Your essays/presentations must be your own work and inadequate referencing may be seen as plagiarism. Please see the relevant sections on Academic Misconduct in the current University Calendar (section K, which can be found here: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>). If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor, or librarian staff.

## **Student Accommodations**

The student accommodation policy can be found at: [ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy](http://ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy).

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities [ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy](http://ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy).

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the course instructor.

### **Desire 2 Learn (D2L) Help**

Go to <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/desire2learn/home/students> for Student Help and FAQ's about D2L. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are also available on this website.

### **Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources**

- For program planning and advice, students in the Faculty of Arts will contact The Arts Students' Centre (ASC). Drop in at SS102, call at 403-220-3580 or email at [ascarts@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ascarts@ucalgary.ca). You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library.

### **Freedom of Information and Privacy**

This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP): <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act indicates that assignments given by you to your course instructor will remain confidential unless otherwise stated before submission. The assignment cannot be returned to anyone else without your express permission. Similarly, any information about yourself that you share with your course instructor will not be given to anyone else without your permission. As one consequence, students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page.

### **Student Ombudsperson and Students' Union Representative**

The Student Ombuds Office provides independent, impartial and confidential support for students who require assistance and advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. See [www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds](http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds) for more information.

The Students' Union Faculty of Arts representative can be reached at [arts1@ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@ucalgary.ca).

### **Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point**

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at [www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints](http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints). Please check this website and not the nearest assembly point for this course.

**Safewalk**

The Safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus (including McMahon Stadium, Health Sciences, Student Family Housing, the Alberta Children's Hospital and the University LRT station). This service is free and available to students, staff and campus visitors 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. Call 403-220-5333 or use one of the Help phones located throughout campus to request a walk.