

Latin 323 (Caesar)

Class

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Generations of British schoolboys were forced to read along with Caesar as he marched through their island in books 4 and 5 of the Gallic War . We are not British schoolboys, so we will do something else. In this course we will read the seventh (last) book of Caesar's commentaries on his campaigns in Gaul. This one has all the good stuff: treachery, torture, cannibalism, huge siege works, direct speech, and the final Roman triumph. The formal focus of the course will be on an understanding of the Latin syntax and an appreciation of Caesar's prose style.

Readings:

Caesar, *de Bello Gallico* 7 (widely available on-line, including
<http://www.thelatinlibrary.com/caesar/gall7.shtml>
<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/>)

Commentary on same:

<http://webpace.utexas.edu/~ariggsby>

Requirements and Grading:

Two exams (Sept. 23/5 and Oct. 30; 15% each), two 5pp. papers (Oct. 16 [set topic], and Dec. 4 [develop your own]; 15% each), final (25%), participation (15%)..

Conversion of final averages to letter grades will depend on the distribution of averages. This is likely to produce approximately the same results as the standard scale (i.e. 90-100 = A, etc.), but this result is not certain. Plus/minus grading is in effect.

Grades are not affected by any of the following: your grades in other classes; your status as a classics major (or not); what grade you want for graduate school admission, scholarship, academic standing or other reason.

There will be no make-up work without documentation of serious medical or other emergency. Over-sleeping never counts as an emergency, medical or otherwise.

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