

THEORY AND INSTITUTES OF ROMAN LAW FROM A HISTORICAL ASPECT

Roman Law and Everyday Life

Fall 2026

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Planned topics as follows:

- 1) Introduction (Sept. 8th)
- 2) The chronology of Roman history (Sept. 15th – Oct. 13th)
- 3) Documentary on everyday Roman life “Meet the Romans”, Parts 1–3
- 4) Slaves, babies, children, women (persons, succession)
- 5) Housing and rent (property, contracts, *meum est ex iure Quiritium, in bonis est*)
- 6) A model case: assessment, argumentation and institutions in Roman “case-law”
- 7) Justinian’s codification: simple legislation or a fresh start?

Evaluation:

- a) A close test will take place on October 20th.
- b) Three comprehension checks are scheduled to be completed on November 3rd, November 17th, and December 1st, respectively, in relation to the documentary.

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