

	History and Art of Ancient Rome		
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This course, which is taught on site in Rome and in the Bay of Naples, examines the history, architecture, art and features of daily life as it was lived by the ancient Romans through a sustained engagement with the topography of these areas and their environs. While our focus will be on the period between the 2nd century BCE and the 4th century CE, we will also consider some of the long-term developments and influences of Roman culture as they manifest themselves in medieval, renaissance and modern-day Rome.

A few themes and topics that we will explore throughout the course include: the material and cultural transformation of Rome's public spaces and civic image over time; the influence of urban life and customs on the production of Latin literature and Roman art; and especially, the monumental contexts of Roman religion and ritual practice, from the Late Republican period to the rise of Christianity.