

## 61254 - Institutions and politics in the classical city

### Syllabus Information

**Academic Year:** 2019/20

**Subject:** 61254 - Institutions and politics in the classical city

**Faculty / School:** 103 -

**Degree:** 553 - Master's in the Ancient World and Archaeological Heritage

**ECTS:** 4.0

**Year:** 1

**Semester:** First semester

**Subject Type:** Optional

**Module:** ---

### 1.General information

#### 1.1.Aims of the course

#### 1.2.Context and importance of this course in the degree

#### 1.3.Recommendations to take this course

### 2.Learning goals

#### 2.1.Competences

#### 2.2.Learning goals

#### 2.3.Importance of learning goals

### 3.Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

#### 3.1.Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)

### 4.Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

#### 4.1.Methodological overview

- The methodology followed in this course is oriented towards the achievement of the learning objectives.
- Students are expected to participate actively in the class throughout the semester.
- Further information regarding the course will be provided on the first day of class.

#### 4.2.Learning tasks

- Theoretical lectures.
- Practical lectures.
- Individual work.
- Personal study.
- Assessment activities.

### 4.3.Syllabus

The course will address the following topics:

#### Section I. Greece

1. Polis as political way of life.
2. Aristotle and different politeiai.
3. Stasis between democrats and oligarchs.
4. Concept of law and legal system.

#### Section II. Republican Rome

1. Polybius' mixed constitution (Plb. 6.11-18).
2. Democracy in Rome? The debate in the scholarship (Millar vs Hölkeskamp).
3. The constitution of the Roman Republic. The formation of the Roman constitution. *Mos maiorum* / Tradition and the control of history by the aristocracy. Legitimation of State's violence.
4. The institutions of the Roman Republic:
  - magistrates
  - senate
  - popular assemblies
5. Oratory in the Roman Republic:
  - public speaking at Rome: A question of *auctoritas*
  - the political debate before the people, without the people

### 4.4.Course planning and calendar

Further information concerning the timetable, classroom, office hours, assessment dates and other details regarding this course will be provided on the first day of class or please refer to the Facultad de Filosofía y Letras.

See the academic calendar of the University of Zaragoza (<http://academico.unizar.es/calendario-academico/calendario>) and the website of the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts (*Schedule of classes*: <https://fyl.unizar.es/horario-de-clases#overlay-context=horario-de-clases>; Examination schedule: <https://fyl.unizar.es/calendario-de-examenes#overlay-context=>)

More information will be provided on the first day of class.

### 4.5.Bibliography and recommended resources

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