Course Description:
An exploration of Roman social and cultural history from the second century BC to the second century AD. Themes treated may include the family, social structure, housing and urban environment, education, sexuality, and work and leisure.

Learning Objectives:
- use of individual items of evidence to reconstruct Romans’ lives;
- ability to counter the elite male bias of our literary sources and write history from below, using documentary and material evidence to reconstruct the lives of the marginalized and forgotten members of Roman society;
- Methods of reconstructing Romans’ lives based on population size, standard of living, independence of women.