In 44-43 B.C.E., Cicero delivered a series of fourteen speeches against Mark Antony. These speeches—named the Philippics after the famous orations that the Athenian statesman Demosthenes delivered against Philip of Macedon—denounce Mark Antony as a danger to the state in the most vehement terms. The speeches so enraged Mark Antony that he later had Cicero killed. Find out why Mark Antony took offence!

In this course students will read the Second Philippic, a masterpiece of character assassination which lays out in lurid detail the “atrocities” of Mark Antony.

Learning Outcomes:

• Increased facility with Latin grammar and translation
• Ability to read advanced Latin prose
• Comprehension of ancient oratorical and rhetorical technique
• Exploration of historical and political events surrounding Augustus’s rise to power

Prerequisite: Latin 201, or permission of the department.