GRS 315 examines the Age of Augustus (31 B.C.E.-14 C.E.), a pivotal period marked by political change that forever altered the course of Roman history, securing peace from decades of civil war at the price of autocracy. The course considers the relationship between the new political order and the literature, art, and architecture of the Augustan Principate.

- study the literature, material culture, and history of Rome’s “golden age”
- focus on autocracy and opposition
- explore current scholarly debates about the Augustan Principate
- conduct original research

No prerequisites. One of GRS 100 or GRS 102 recommended.