I. Texts:

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II. Grading and Requirements:

A. Class Work (concerning Latin): 20%
   - MidTerm: 25% (October 25)
   - Term Paper: 25% (due December 6)
   - Final Exam: 30% (December 20, 4:00 PM to 7:00 AM)

B. The MidTerm is an inclass exam which will test material to that date. It will contain translation of prepared passages, questions on grammar and syntax, and a sight passage. An extra credit section will be available on Seneca and his philosophy and worldview.

C. The term paper will research some aspect of the Caesar’s Gallic Wars, with specific references to our readings in Latin and in modern research. The topic is to be chosen by November 1 and discussed with the instructor in an individual meeting. A list of suggestions will be circulated. The paper is due on the beginning of class on December 6. It should be no less than 5 and no more than 10 doublespaced typewritten pages in length. The format of the paper should follow an accepted scholarly format and model (e.g., the MLA Style Sheet).

D. Although emphasis in the final examination will fall on the passages treated in the second half of the course, this exam will test the whole range of material presented in the course. Its format will be similar to that of the midterm with the exception that an essay question will be included.
III. Aims of the Course:

Our main emphasis will be on increasing proficiency in the reading of Latin poetry and prose and on understanding Roman culture during the Republic by means of a study of selections from a range of authors. We shall also turn our attention to Roman society, institutions, and political history, only insofar as these topics are necessary to an understanding of our authors. Brief introduction will be given to understand the authors. Class participation by the students will be considered an integral part of our work on the Latin texts. My original plan for this course was to study exclusively Caesar’s Gallic Wars. However, through an oversight in scheduling, the Republican survey course was scheduled by mistake. Our work this term will therefore encompass significant readings form other Republican authors.

IV. Reading Assignments

We shall start our work with the reader of Russell in which we shall read at least the first 32 selections and possibly the first 39. We shall then read selected poetic texts from the Tyrrell anthology before finally turning to Caesar.

I have considerable other responsibilities this term. For example, I shall be giving papers at academic conferences abroad on September 20 and 27. It is my hope that we shall be able to arrange some evening sessions 003, RAB, DC in order to supplement our scheduled meetings.