

**CLU33135 Late Antiquity
(JS)**

Module Code	CLU33135
Module Name	Late Antiquity
ECTS Weighting	5 ECTS
Semester taught	Semester 1
Module Coordinator	Dr Rebecca Usherwood
<u>Module Learning Outcomes</u> with embedded <u>Graduate Attributes</u>	<p>On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:</p> <p>LO1. Demonstrate sound knowledge of the history, geography, culture, and society of the late Roman world.</p> <p>LO2. Analyse critically the primary textual sources relevant to this module.</p> <p>LO3. Identify and contextualise relevant forms of non-textual evidence (inscriptions, coins, archaeological material), and integrate them with textual sources.</p> <p>LO4. Evaluate the major theoretical approaches, debates, and scholarship relevant to the module topic.</p> <p>LO5. Discuss the above, both orally and in writing, in a clear and scholarly manner.</p> <p>LO6. Work effectively in small groups.</p>
Module Content	<p>This module explores the Roman world from the mid third century onwards, with particular focus on the fourth to early fifth centuries. This period is now commonly referred to as 'Late Antiquity', reframed not as the Roman world in sad decline but an era of profound transformation extending to all aspects of politics, society, and culture. Weekly lectures provide a historical structure and trace topics such as the Christianisation of Roman life, the fate of traditional cults, the shifting concept of <i>romanitas</i> ('Roman-ness'), and urban change. In seminars students will discuss key case studies in depth, with a particular focus on evaluating ancient sources. The course will also situate Late Antiquity within broader historiographical trends, such critical evaluations of imperial control and a new emphasis on cultural history, as well as the enduring appeal of 'decline and fall'.</p>
Teaching and Learning Methods	Lectures and seminars

Assessment Details	Assessment Component	Assessment Description	LO Addressed	% of total	Week due
	1.	Source analysis	LO1, LO2, LO3, LO4, LO5, LO6	30%	W9
	2.	Research Project: Essay on self-designed topic related to module themes	LO1, LO2, LO3, LO4, LO5	70%	W13
Reassessment Requirements	Same as original assessment (100% coursework). Only failed components are reassessed.				
Contact Hours and Indicative Student Workload	Contact hours: 15 hours (11 lectures, 4 seminars, 1 group discussion session)				
	Independent Study (preparation for course and review of materials): 55 hours				
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Recommended Reading List	Peter Brown (1971) <i>The World of Late Antiquity</i> . London. Averil Cameron (2011) <i>The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity</i> . London. Gillian Clarke (2011) <i>Late Antiquity: A Very Short Introduction</i> . Oxford. Kristina Sessa (2018) <i>Daily Life in Late Antiquity</i> . Cambridge.				
Module Pre-requisite	None				
Module Co-requisite	None				
Module Website	https://www.tcd.ie/classics/undergraduate/late-antiquity.php				
Are other Schools/Departments involved in the delivery of this module?	No				