On August 24th, 79 C.E., Mt. Vesuvius erupted and destroyed the towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum, as well as countless farms and villas in the countryside. The ash and pyroclastic flows killed all who had not yet fled, and preserved the cities in the moment of their destruction. Their archaeological rediscovery in the 1700s led to 250 years of excavations which have continued to provide us with astonishing evidence about the people who lived and died in the shadow of Vesuvius. Every aspect of ancient life is represented in these two towns—poor and rich, free and enslaved, work and leisure, religion, politics, art, food, and even sex. If you want to know what it was like to live in the Roman Empire, don’t go to Rome—come to Pompeii!

Prerequisite: None. Corequisite: None.

Offered: spring of odd-numbered years.

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CLS 212 Borders, Walls, and Immigrants in the Ancient World 3 Credits

Examination of momentous migrations and displacements around the Mediterranean (Greek colonization, Roman veteran settlement, Gothic invasions), from the Bronze Age to the Middle Ages; the economic, religious, social, and political motivations; the impact; Greco-Roman concepts of borders and “Frontier”; case studies (Hadrian’s Wall); themes in immigration studies, including theories of assimilation/resistance, diaspora, ethnicity, and identity.

Offered: occasionally.

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CLS 311 Alexander the Great 3 Credits

Philip II and the rise of Macedon. Alexander’s personality, his conquests, and the social, political, and intellectual consequences of his reign. Hellenistic culture.

Offered: anticipated fall 2018.
CLS 314 The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire  
3 Credits  
Imperial crisis and recovery of the third century, Constantine and  
Christianity, barbarian invasions, social, political, and intellectual  
developments in the Byzantine East and Latin West. Historiography of the  
"Decline and Fall."

CLS 499 Independent Study  
3-6 Credits  
Directed research on a selected topic. Independent studies require an  
application and approval by the associate dean.  
Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair, & associate  
dean.  
Offered: occasionally.