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General information		
Name of the course	Roman Conquest of the Eastern Adriatic (229-35 BC)	
Course instructor	Feđa Milivojević, PhD	
Study programme	Undergraduate study programme in History	
Status of the course	Elective	
Year of study	2022-2023	
Language	English	
ECTS credits and	ECTS credits	3
manner of instruction	Number of class hours (Lectures +	15+0+15
	Exercises + Seminars)	

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

1.1. Course objectives

The course aims to acquaint students with the Roman conquest of the Eastern Adriatic and its immediate hinterland from the First Illyrian War (229 BC) to Octavian's campaign against the Delmatae (35-33 BC). The emphasis will be on the course and consequences of Roman conflicts with many communities on the Eastern Adriatic, the integration of their territory into the Roman system, and the creation of the Roman province of Illyricum in the middle of the 1st century BC. By getting acquainted with the importance of interpreting conflicting data from sources, the goal is to encourage students to discuss existing scientific theories and develop their conclusions.

1.2. Course enrolment requirements and entry competences required for the course

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1.3. Expected course learning outcomes

After completing and passing the course, students will be able to:

- list and describe the Roman military interventions on the Eastern Adriatic, their course, and the most important consequences;
- define the basic concepts and problems related to the reconstruction of Roman military campaigns;
- explain the cause-and-effect relationship that led to the Roman campaigns in the Eastern Adriatic;
- distinguish the historical processes leading to the establishment of the Roman provinces with an emphasis on the territory of the Eastern Adriatic, and the province of Illyricum;
- critically analyze historical sources;
- formulate one's own opinion on certain Roman campaigns, their course and consequences.

1.4. Course content

Course topics include:

fundamentals of the organization and functioning of the Roman Republic in the 3rd century BC. Rome – the winner of the Punic Wars. Agron's Illyrian Kingdom. The First Illyrian War. Interwar period and the division of power in the Eastern Adriatic. Demetrius of Pharos and the Second Illyrian War. Scerdilaidas.

Eastern Adriatic between Rome and Macedonia – The First Macedonian War. The Second Macedonian War. The Third Macedonian War and the Third Illyrian War. Anicius' division of Illyricum and its consequences. Roman campaign against the Delmatae 156/155 BC. The campaign of Fulvius Flaccus against the Ardiaei and Plerei in 135 BC. Tuditanus' campaign of 129 BC. Metellus and the Delmatae in 119 BC. Gaius Cosconius' campaign in 78-76 BC. The rise of Gaius Julius Caesar. Formation of the province of Illyricum. Illyricum in Caesar's plans. The events of Caesar's proconsulate. The attack of the Pirustae. The Delmatae and Promona. Iapodian attack on Tergeste and Aquileia. The outbreak of the Civil War and war operations in Illyricum in 49-47 BC. – Cornificius, Sulpicius, Vatinius, Pollio. Illyricum during the Second Triumvirate. Octavian's Campaign in 35-33 BC. - Iapodians, Segestani, Delmatae.

1.5. Manner of instruction

- ✓ Lectures
- ✓ Seminars
- ✓ Individual assignments
- ✓ Other: consultations