Ancient History History Reading List:
History MA Comprehensive Oral Examination

Abbreviated instructions (full instructions here): Students not writing a thesis must present themselves for examination in three subfields. Students will take three subfield examinations (written, three hours each) within a one-week period, followed by a one-hour oral examination with the Graduate Advisory Committee. For the subfield of Ancient, students will be expected to synthesize the arguments and evidence of at least fifteen of the following books and articles. Students interested in this subfield should contact Professor Pellam for guidance. Call numbers at the end of each entry are for copies at the Meriam Library. Books without call numbers have been ordered by the library, but should be requested via Interlibrary Services.

Basics (seven)


Debates (choose one Greek and one Roman, reading all four books in each. You may substitute individual books or whole topics in consultation with the faculty: e.g., Roman imperialism, Greek Religion, The Hellenistic World, etc)

1. Early Rome


2. Society and Politics in the Roman Republic


3. The Development of the Polis in Ancient Greece


### 4. Sparta


