

DEPARTMENT OF GREEK AND ROMAN STUDIES
COURSE OUTLINE
GREEK AND ROMAN STUDIES 209-20:
CLASSICAL MYTHOLOGY AND LITERATURE
Spring 2013

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Required Texts:

- Powell, B. *Classical Myth*, 7th ed. (Pearson, 2009)
- *Supplemental Readings* (on Blackboard)

| Course Requirements | | |
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| Component | Date | Weight (% of final grade) |
| 1st Midterm Exam Multiple choice exam on readings and topics covered in lectures and tutorials/labs. | June 3 | 30% |
| 2nd Midterm Exam Multiple choice exam on readings and topics covered in lectures and tutorials/labs. | June 17 | 20% |
| Term Paper 1000 words. For this paper use the textbook, required readings and secondary sources to support your arguments. A penalty of 10% for each day late applies. | June 24 | 20% |
| Final Exam The exam will consist of multiple choice questions on readings and topics covered during lectures and tutorials/labs. | The final exam will be scheduled by the Registrar for a date within the Spring term final exam period: June 27-29. | 30% |

| Grading Scale | | | |
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| A+ | 95 – 100% | C+ | 67 – 69% |
| A | 90 – 94% | C | 63 – 66% |
| A- | 85 - 89% | C- | 60 - 62% |
| B+ | 80 – 84% | D+ | 55 – 59% |
| B | 75 – 79% | D | 50 – 54% |
| B- | 70 – 74% | F | Below 50% |

COURSE SCHEDULE:

Note: The required readings listed below are drawn from Powell, B. *Classical Myth*, 7th ed. (Pearson, 2009) and the Supplemental Reading Package to be posted on the Blackboard site.

BE AWARE THE LECTURE SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE AS WE PROGRESS DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS

| Week | Date | Lectures/ Required Readings | Tutorial/Lab Topics |
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| Week 1 | May 15 | Intro to Course Types of Myth Theories of Myth Near Eastern Myth and Influence Powell Chs. 1-3 | |
| | May 17 | Creation Myth I: Cosmogony Creation Myth II Man: Prometheus, Pandora, Five Races/ Ages of Man. Powell Chs. 4 & 5 Hesiod <i>Works & Days</i> 106-201 (Powell 131-132). Ovid <i>Metamorphoses</i> 1.76-150 (Blackboard). | General instructions for the course including quizzes, exams, paper, material covered etc. |

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| Week 2 | May 20 | Victoria Day No Lecture | |
| | May 22 | <p>Olympians I: Zeus, Hera, Poseidon, Hades, Apollo Powell Chs. 6 & 7. Homeric Hymn to Delian Apollo 1-29; 39-91; 182-374 (Blackboard).</p> <p>Olympians I cont'd: Hermes, Pan, Hephaestus, Ares Powell Ch. 8. Homeric Hymn to Hermes 1-512 (Powell 189-199).</p> | |
| | May 24 | <p>Olympians II: Aphrodite, Artemis, Athena Powell Ch. 9.</p> <p>Olympians II cont'd: Demeter, Dionysus Powell Chs. 10 & 11 Homeric Hymn to Demeter 1-102; 164-244; 274-366; 399-457 (Powell 237-249).</p> | Gender Roles in Greek Myth: Examine the portrayal of a female and a male (divine or human) in your sources. Does Greek myth promote distinctive models of femininity and masculinity? Are there instances of gender ambiguity? |
| Week 3 | May 27 | <p>Gilgamesh and Hero Myth Powell Ch. 13. Powell (Ch. 25) 684-692 - Rationalism and Allegory</p> <p>Perseus Powell Ch. 14. Ovid Met. 4.663-803. Ovid Met. 1.568-746 Io and Argus (Blackboard).</p> | |
| | May 29 | <p>Heracles Powell Ch. 15. Ovid Met. 9.98-271 (Blackboard).</p> <p>Theseus and the Myths of Athens Powell Ch. 16.</p> | |

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| Week 3 cont'd | May 31 | Myths of Crete Powell Ch. 17. Powell (Ch. 25) 697-703 - Romantic Anthropological and Linguistic Theory | The Ingredients of a Hero: What constitutes the heroic personality in Greek myth? Is the hero a positive model? |
| Week 4 | June 3 | <u>First Midterm Exam</u> | |
| | June 5 | Myths of Thebes: Foundation Myths & Oedipus I Powell (Ch. 18) 475-491. Powell (Ch. 25) 703-705 – Psychoanalysis Myths of Thebes cont'd: Oedipus II – <i>Antigone</i> and <i>At Colonus</i> Powell (Ch. 18) 491-501. Powell (Ch. 25) 705-707 Structuralism | |
| | June 7 | Jason and Medea Powell (Ch. 19) 502-530. Ovid <i>Met.</i> 7.1-356 (Blackboard). | |
| Week 5 | June 10 | Trojan War I: Prelude Powell (Ch. 20) 539-558 Ovid <i>Met.</i> 12.1-145 (Blackboard). | |
| | June 12 | Trojan War II: At War Powell (Ch. 20) 559-575 Ovid <i>Met.</i> 12.580-628 (Blackboard). Trojan War III: Fall of Troy and Aftermath Powell (Ch. 21) 576-590. Vergil <i>Aeneid</i> Book 2.324-558 (Blackboard). | |

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| Week 5 cont'd | June 14 | The Cursed House of Atreus and Aeschylus' <i>Oresteia</i> Powell (Ch. 21) 590-598. | Do myths like those of the early days of Athens or the Trojan Cycle reflect actual history? Can history illuminate myth? |
| Week 6 | June 17 | <u>2nd Midterm Exam</u> | |
| | June 19 | Odysseus' Travels Powell (Ch. 22) 601-618. Odysseus' Return to Ithaca Powell (Ch. 22) 618-629). | |
| | June 21 | | How does Odysseus compare to other heroes in Greek myth? How does Penelope compare to the other women in the <i>Odyssey</i> ? |
| Week 7 | June 24 | <u>June 24: Term Paper Due</u> Roman Myth I: Religion Powell (Ch. 23) 634-644. Roman Myth II: Myth and History Powell (Ch. 23) 644-658 & Ch. 24. | |
| | June 26 | Myths of Death Powell Ch. 12, Vergil <i>Aeneid</i> 6.548-627 (Blackboard). | |

POLICIES and NOTES:

1. The making up of missed midterms/exams will not be granted without prior notification, and only for medical cases certified by a doctor.
2. All students should observe the regulations on student misconduct as outlined in the 2012-13 University of Calgary Course Calendar. In addition, please review the university policy regarding specific permission and forms required for recording of lectures:
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-6.html>

3. It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation, please register with the Disability Resource Center (403-220-8237). Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Center are not eligible for formal academic accommodations. You are required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than 14 days after the start of this course.
4. **DATES TO BE DETERMINED:** Last day for registration and changes of registration for Spring term first-term half courses, six-week and thirteen-week courses (Multi-term) (without pre-session study). No fee refunds for withdrawals from Spring term first-term half courses, six week and thirteen-week courses (Multi-term) after this date.
5. **DATE TO BE DETERMINED:** Fee payment deadline for Spring term fees for first-term, six week, thirteen-week and second-term courses.
6. **June 26, Wednesday:** Last day to withdraw with permission from full courses, half courses given over a six-week period and second-term half courses in Spring Term.