CLASSICS 220
INTRODUCTION TO CLASSICAL MYTHOLOGY

BULLETIN INFORMATION
CLAS 220: Introduction to Classical Mythology (3 credit hours)
Course Description:
Major gods, goddesses, heroes, and heroines of classical mythology as portrayed in major literary works; the function of myth in society and its relevance to modern life.

SAMPLE COURSE OVERVIEW
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ITEMIZED LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon successful completion of Classics 220, students will be able to:
1. Identify and describe the fundamentals of Greek and Roman mythology.
2. Explain the role mythology played in early Greece and Rome.
3. Examine the ways in which different literary forms, such as epic and tragedy, represent classical myths.
4. Explain the different ways in which Greeks and Romans represented their myths in the historical contexts of Archaic and Classical Greece, and Imperial Rome.
5. Identify and describe the symbols and stories of the early Greeks and Romans and analyze how they are alluded to regularly in our daily lives.

SAMPLE REQUIRED TEXTS/SUGGESTED READINGS/MATERIALS

SAMPLE ASSIGNMENTS AND/OR EXAMS
1. Midterm exam #1, Midterm exam #2, Final exam
a. Exams: The two midterms and the final examination will test student’s understanding of the mythological content of the literary works studied, as well as of key cultural concepts and aspects of the literary forms involved.

2. Paper
a. Paper: The paper (3-5 pages) will compare the representation of a single myth in one Greek and one Roman text, or in one epic and one tragic play, or in one ancient and one modern work.

SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE WITH TIMELINE OF TOPICS, READINGS/ASSIGNMENTS, EXAMS/PROJECTS

Class 1: What is Myth? How is it represented in literature?

Class 2: Homeric Hymns: 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 18-23, 26, 31

Class 3: Homeric Hymns: 2, 5, 6, 9-14, 24, 27-30, 32

Class 4: Philostratus, Heroikos Handout on Blackboard

Class 5: Introduction to Greek Epic; Homer, Iliad: 1-6

Class 6: Homer, Iliad: 7-12

Class 7: Homer, Iliad: 13-18

Class 8: Homer, Iliad: 19-24

Class 9: Homer, Odyssey: 1-8

Class 10: Homer, Odyssey: 9-16

Class 11: Homer, Odyssey: 17-24

Class 12: FIRST MIDTERM

Class 13: Introduction to Tragedy; Sophocles King Oidipous

Class 14: Sophocles: Oidipous at Colonnus

Class 15: Sophocles: Antigone

Class 16: Euripides: Medea
Class 17: Euripides: Hippolytus

Class 18: Euripides: Bacchae

Class 19: SECOND MIDTERM

Class 20: Introduction to Roman Epic; Virgil, Aeneid: 1-3

Class 21: Virgil, Aeneid: 4-6

Class 22: Virgil, Aeneid: 7-9

Class 23: Virgil, Aeneid: 10-12

Class 24: Ovid, Metamorphoses: 1-3

Class 25: Ovid, Metamorphoses: 4-6

Class 26: Ovid, Metamorphoses: 7-9

Class 27: Ovid, Metamorphoses: 10-12

Class 28: Ovid, Metamorphoses: 13-15
PAPER DUE

FINAL EXAM according to University exam schedule