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Texts:

- *Classical Mythology*, 2nd ed, Harris and Platzner
- *Metamorphoses*, Ovid
- *Odyssey*, Homer
- *The Oresteia*, Aeschylus

Goals of the Course:

The course is designed to acquaint students with the myths of the classical Greek and Roman periods and to introduce students to the ways of thinking embodied in myths. The course will also provide students with some basic backgrounds of the Greek and Roman periods, as well as provide experience in interpreting myth through various approaches. Students will demonstrate their achievements of these goals in written exams and quizzes.

Course Requirements and Determination of Course Grade

Hourly Exams (two @ 20% each) | 40%
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Quizzes | 20%
Final Exam | 30%
Attendance/Participation | 10%

Attendance:

Attendance is expected for each class meeting. While points are not necessarily deducted for a given missed day, repeated absences do affect the Attendance/Participation segment of the course grade. In the case of compelling, documented reasons for absences, make-up work must be completed within one week of one’s return to class. Unexcused absences do not allow one to make up work (e.g., quizzes or exams).

The Attendance/Participation grade is not a “gift grade.” One does not begin with an A in this segment of the grade and have points deducted for absences or lack of preparation. Rather, students build the grade to an A by faithful attendance, by preparation for classes, and by involvement in class discussions. Simply being in class will not earn you an A for this segment. Answering questions, joining in discussions, and, especially, asking good questions will.
Jan.
10 Introduction to the Course
12 The Nature of Myth, CM 6-25
14 Interpreting Myth, CM 27-46
17 King’s Birthday—No Classes
19 In the Beginning, CM, 49-66; M 9-16
21 The Goddess, CM 84-96
24 Demeter, CM 101-08
26 Poseidon (Neptune), CM 126-27; M 67-73
28 Apollo, CM 158-64; M 28-33
31 Apollo, CM 164-71; M 239-43, 261-65

Feb.
2 Dionysus (Bacchus), CM 184-92
4 Dionysus, CM 192-99; M 73-80, 90-99
7 Orpheus, M 234-37, 259-61
9 EXAM I
11 Lincoln’s Birthday—No Classes
14 Artemis (Diana), CM 99-101, M 61-64
16 Athena (Minerva), Hephaestus (Vulcan), CM 129-32, 137; M 129-43
18 Aphrodite (Venus), CM 137; M 251-58
21 Ares (Mars), CM 138
23 Hermes (Mercury), CM 134-37; M 83-87
25 Hades (Pluto), The Underworld, CM 128, 205-20
28 The Hero, CM 228-32

Mar.
2 Minos, Daedalus, CM 246-47; M 187-90
4 Heracles (Hercules), CM 237-45

7 Heracles, M 339-52

9 Perseus, CM 232-36; M 100-114

11 Oedipus, CM 610-21

14-18 Spring Break—No Classes

21 Oedipus (cont.)

23 Jason, CM 249-53

25 Theseus, CM 245-49

28 EXAM II

30 The Trojan War, CM 255-58

Apr. 1 The Iliad, CM 259-64

4 The Iliad, CM 264-71

6 The Odyssey, Books I-IV

8 The Odyssey, Books V-VIII

11 The Odyssey, Books IX-XII

13 The Odyssey, Books XIII-XVI

15 The Odyssey, Books XVII-XX

18 The Odyssey, Books XXI-XXIV

20 The Oresteia

22 The Oresteia

25 The Oresteia

27 The Oresteia

29 Summary Discussion

FINAL EXAM--TBA