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**English 3009G
Myth and Culture
Course Outline and Syllabus**

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Required Texts:

Csapo, Eric *Theories of Mythology* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2005)

Barthes, Roland *Mythologies* (1972)

Course Description:

English 3009G. Myth and Culture. 3009G's special status (as a double-count in the Major) seems to express various curriculum committees' perception that its synoptic approach, upper division level, and relevance to multicultural studies give it a unique claim to count both in General Education and the Major. In this course, therefore, expect to be challenged and to put in a lot of work. We will cover all the major approaches to mythology that have established the centrality of myth in human cultures. These include Comparative Studies, Anthropology, Psychology, Structuralism, Feminism, and Post-structuralism. This course will both enrich your general skills in academic analysis and hone your abilities in your chosen Major.

This is a writing-intensive course.

Grading:

Grades on individual assignments will be assigned according to the following scale:

A	90-100%
B	80-90%
C	70-80%
D	60-50%
F	Fail

Grades for individual assignments will be determined according to the Guidelines for evaluating Writing assignments in EIU's English Department (attached). Be sure to read these guidelines fully – they will help you to understand what is expected of your work.

Keep in mind that adequate, average work will receive a C, and excellent work will receive an A.

In addition, **you must turn in all assignments on time** to receive credit for the course. If you fail to turn in one or more of your assignments, you will receive an NC for the course.

Assignments will be accepted for full credit only at the beginning of class on the day on which they are due (unless in the case of an excused absence – see Attendance Policy below).

There is no final exam in English 1001.

Essays

Essay 1	100
Essay 2	100
Essay 3	100
Essay 4	100
Essay 5	100
Essay 6 (Final Paper)	300
Class Participation	200
Total	1000

Please note that class presentations and participation are very important and constitute a vital part of your final grade.

Attendance Policy:

Attendance is mandatory. Final course grades may be lowered by one letter grad for each *unexcused* absence over three. Absences may be excused for illness, religious holidays, personal emergencies, and some university events. **You must notify me in advance of absence for reasons other than illness or emergency; if you are ill, you must call/email me before class in order to be excused.** Absences will be excused at my discretion.

You may make up an assignment **only** if you were absent on the day the assignment was due, and **only** if the absence is excused. If you will be absent for a reason other than illness or emergency, you must submit your assignment before your absence.

When you have missed class for any reason, you are responsible for asking a classmate what transpired during class.

Students with Disabilities:

Students who have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations should contact the Office of Disability Services (581-6583) as soon as possible.

Plagiarism

Any teacher who discovers an act of plagiarism – “The appropriation or imitation of the language, ideas, and/or thoughts of another author, and representation of them as one’s original work” – has the right and the responsibility to impose upon the guilty student an appropriate penalty, up to and including immediate assignments of a grade of F for the assigned essay and a grade of F for the course, and to report the incident to the Judicial Affairs Office. Respect for the work of others should encompass all formats, including print, electronic, and oral sources. The University also uses TURNITIN to detect instances of plagiarism.

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Course Schedule

8/22 Syllabus/course intro	24 Introduction to Myth	26 Introduction to Myth
29 Comparative Method (CM)	31 CM	9/2 CM
5 LABOR DAY	7 CM	9 CM
12 Psychology (P) (CM paper due)	14 P	16 P
19 P	21 P	23 P
26 Anthropology (A) (P paper due)	28 A	30 A
10/3 A	5 A	7 FALL BREAK
10 A	12 MID-TERM Peer Evaluation	14 A

17 Structuralism (S) (A paper due)	19 S	21 S
24 S	26 S	28 S
31 S	11/2 S	4 S
7 Ideology (I) (S paper due)	9 I	11 I
14 I	16 I	18 I
21 THANKSGIVING	23 THANKSGIVING	25 THANKSGIVING
28 Conferences for Final	30 Conferences	12/2 Conferences
5 Conferences	7 Conferences	9 Final Paper due