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ENG 3009C-001: Myth and Culture

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Course Description.

Myth and Culture is an introduction to comparative mythology. In this course we will first explore a range of world-views from Native America, China and Vietnam, the Near East and Europe. We'll then turn to two American novels, recent poetry, and environmentalist literature as we examine the mythological imagination in contemporary American life.

Texts.

Ellison, *Invisible Man.*
Humphries, *Ovid: The Metamorphoses.*
Kerouac, *On the Road.*
Merchant, *Earthcare.*
Meyeroff, *Peyote Hunt.*
Neihardt, *Black Elk Speaks.*
Nguyen, *Tale of Kieu.*
Powers, *Yuwipi.*
Sandars, *Gilgamesh.*
Snyder, *No Nature.*
Wu, *A Sourcebook in Chinese Philosophy.*

Requirements and Evaluation.

Regular attendance and participation. (You will be allowed 2 absences. I will lower your final grade by one letter for each unexcused absence thereafter.)

Short papers and quizzes (25% of grade).

Midterm and final examinations (50% of grade).

10-page final project on an approved topic (25% of grade).

You must complete all course requirements punctually to receive a passing grade in the course.

If you have a documented disability and wish to receive accommodations, which I will gladly provide, please contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services (581-6583) as soon as possible.

Schedule.


- **February 14-18.** Lao Tzu, cont’d. Chuang Tzu.


- **March 6.** Midterm examination.


- **March 13-17.** Spring Break.


- **April 10-14.** Ellison, cont’d. Conferences.

- **April 17-21.** Snyder, *No Nature*.

- **April 24-26.** Merchant, *Earthcare*.

- **April 26.** Final Papers Due.