

Classical Mythology (CLT 3370)

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Course Description and Objectives: CLT 3370 introduces students to the mythology of ancient Greece and Rome. You will not only learn the major mythological figures of the ancient world and their stories, but also the cultural and historical background that shaped Greco-Roman mythology. Lectures will include illustrations of some of the major sites and artistic depictions connected with the myths.

Classroom Etiquette:

- 1. NO Cell Phones!!!**
- 2. No private conversations with others during class.**
- 3. No reading newspapers, magazines, etc. during class.**
- 4. Arriving late and leaving early are disruptive. Respect your colleagues.**

Texts: Barry B. Powell (2009) *Classical Myth*. 7th ed. (Pearson: Longman)

Grading:

Examinations: 3 exams (25 % each: 75%):

Quizzes: 4 unannounced quizzes (quiz average 25%)

Your grade will be the average of your score on three exams (75%) and your quiz average (25 %). The exams will not be

cumulative. They will be weighted equally.

Four unannounced quizzes will be given over the assigned chapter readings.

100-90	A
89-87	B +
86-80	B
79-77	C+
76-70	C
69-67	D+
66-60	D

Make-up Work:

All reading assignments are due at the class hour for which that reading is assigned. Exams missed because of an illness or an excused absence according to university policy may be made up at the convenience of the instructor and the teaching assistant **provided that proper documentation for that absence is provided by the student.**

All requests for excuses based on medical emergencies must be accompanied by full documentation (e.g. copy of physician's excuse form). Family emergencies (e.g. death in the family) must be handled through the Dean of Student Life, who will provide an authorized letter to your instructors. A request sent by any other means (including email, phone, etc.) will result in an unexcused absence.

The Honor Code:

Cheating (representing another's work as your own) in any form will be taken very seriously. The University Honor Code will be enforced and you are responsible to know and abide by its standards (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/STG/Code.html#Honor>

Code).

Calendar of Topics and Reading Assignments (All chapter numbers are for Powell, *Classical Myth*).

-- One major task for this course is to complete the reading assignments. This is where I expect you to spend your time preparing for the class. Do not skip the reading!!!

-- All reading assignments should be done for the class for which they are assigned. In other words, read the assigned material before the class meets.

Week 1 (Jan. 6-10): Definitions and Background. The Nature of Myth (Chapter 1); The Cultural Context of Classical Myth (Chapter 2)

Week 2 (Jan. 13-17): Divine Myths-Myths of Creation: The Rise of Zeus (Chapter 4)

Week 3 (Jan. 20-24): Myths of Creation: The Origins of Mortals (Chapter 5); Myths of the Olympians – Zeus and Hera (Chapter 6)
JAN. 20: NO CLASS

Week 4 (Jan. 27-31): Myths of the Olympians: Male Deities (Chapters 7 & 8)

Week 5 (Feb. 3-7): Myths of the Olympians: Female Deities (Chapter 9); **Exam 1 (FEB. 7)**

Week 6 (Feb. 10-14): Myths of Fertility: Demeter (Chapter 10); Myths of Fertility: Dionysus (Chapter 11)

Week 7 (Feb 17-21): Dionysus cont.; Myths of Death (Ch. 12)

Week 8 (Feb. 24-28): Legends: Perseus and the Myths of the Argive Plain (Chapter 14); Herakles (Chapter 15)

Mar. 1-8: SPRING BREAK

Week 9 (Mar. 10-14): Theseus and the Myths of Athens (Chapter 16)

Week 10 (Mar. 17-21): Myths of Crete (Chapter 17);
Exam 2 (Mar. 21)

Week 11 (Mar. 24-28): Oedipus and the Myths of Thebes (Chapter 18); Jason (Chapter 19)

Week 12 (Mar. 31-Apr. 4): Jason cont.; The Trojan War (Chapter 20)

Week 13 (Apr. 7-11): The Fall of Troy (Chapter 21); The Return of Odysseus (Chapter 22)

Week 14 (Apr. 14-18): Return of Odysseus cont.; Legends of Aeneas (Chapter 23)

Week 15 (Apr. 21-23): Legends of Early Rome (Chapter 24)
Exam 3 (Apr. 23)