

College of San Mateo Course Outline

- New Course
 Update/No change
 Course Revision (Minor)
 Course Revision (Major)

Date: 9/7/08

Department: Literature **Number:** 830
Course Title: Greek Mythology and Classical Literature **Units:** 3
Total Semester Hours: Lecture: 48 **Lab:** **Homework:** 96 **By Arrangement:** 0

Length of Course

- Semester-long
 Short course (Number of weeks ___)
 Open entry/Open exit

Grading

- Letter
 Pass/No Pass
 Grade Option (letter or Pass/No Pass)

1. **Prerequisite** (Attach Enrollment Limitation Validation Form.)

none

2. **Corequisite** (Attach Enrollment Limitation Validation Form.)

none

3. **Recommended Preparation** (Attach Enrollment Validation Form.)

none

4. **Catalog Description** (Include prerequisites/corequisites/recommended preparation.)

830 Greek Mythology and Classical Literature (3)
(Credit/No Credit grading.) Three lecture hours per week. Survey of major deities and heroes, recurring mythological themes, and relationships between people and deities, especially in Greek and Roman cultures. Readings, discussions, and optional writing projects.

5. **Class Schedule Description** (Include prerequisites/corequisites/recommended preparation.)

LIT. 830 Greek Mythology and Classical Literature
Survey of major deities and heroes, recurring mythological themes, and relationships between people and deities, primarily in Greek and Roman cultures. Readings, discussions, and optional writing projects. No prerequisite. Credit/No Credit grading. (Not transferable.)

6. **Student Learning Outcomes** (Identify 1-6 expected learner outcomes using active verbs.)

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss knowledgeably the cultural and historical context of Greek mythology and classical

Greek literature

2. Discuss knowledgeably the relevance of classical Greek literature and culture to Western Civilization
3. Analyze and discuss the significance of a selection of literary works
4. Exercise critical thinking in reading a wide range of literature

7. **Course Objectives** (Identify specific teaching objectives detailing course content and activities. *For some courses, the course objectives will be the same as the student learning outcomes. If this is the case, please simply indicate this in this section).*

Same as Student Learning Outcomes above

8. **Course Content** (Brief but complete topical outline of the course that includes major subject areas [1-2 pages]. Should reflect all course objectives listed above. In addition, you may attach a sample course syllabus with a timeline.)

Creation myths
Major Gods and Goddesses
Minor Gods and Goddesses
Tales and Legends
Heroes
Royal House of Thebes
Royal House of Atreus
Homer's Iliad and Odyssey
Classical Greek Drama

9. **Representative Instructional Methods** (Describe instructor-initiated teaching strategies that will assist students in meeting course objectives. Include examples of out-of-class assignments, required reading and writing assignments, and methods for teaching critical thinking skills.) **If hours by arrangement are required by this course, indicate the additional instructional activity which will be provided during this time.**

Lectures, discussions, slides, and films

10. **Representative Methods of Evaluation** (Describe measurement of student progress toward course objectives. Courses with required writing component and/or problem-solving emphasis must reflect critical thinking component. If skills class, then applied skills.)

Methods of evaluation may include participation in class discussion, quizzes, or other measures of class preparedness, journals, optional essays, a midterm or final examination.

11. **Representative Text Materials** (With few exceptions, texts need to be current. Include publication dates.)

The Chalice and the Blade by Riane Eisler
Mythology by Edith Hamilton
Homer's Iliad and Odyssey

Examples of classical Greek drama by Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides
Classical Greek and Latin poetry
Virgil's Aeneid

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