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1 Basics

The goal of this course is to become familiar and conversant with the myths of Ancient Greece. Variations in the names of various figures (e.g., Zeus/Jove/Jupiter), the iconography of these figures, and the more central stories about them will constitute the bulk of the work. This will be achieved through extensive readings of Morford and Lenardon's textbook, Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, and the *Iliad*, as well as various other readings. While religion, society, sexuality, etc., are topics that may come up from time to time, they are not the focus of this class.

Students are required to attend five classes each week. Class sessions will consist of brief reviews of the previous night's readings as well as supplemental material and an introduction to the subsequent material, with regular quizzes and tests on Fridays. Anything said in class or assigned for reading is fair game for these evaluations.

For the purposes of this course, "attendance" and "participation" entail being in class promptly with the previous day's readings *complete*, and asking questions when you have them, as well as responding to questions when you are called on. Arriving significantly later than the beginning of class may cause the instructor to be ill-disposed towards you.

Although this is not an advanced course, we will essentially compress 15 weeks of class into five. Screw your courage to the sticking place.

2 Required Books

- Mark P. O. Morford and Robert J. Lenardon, *Classical Mythology* 8th ed.= ML in the Syllabus (ISBN: 0195308050)
- D. Raeburn, tr. Ovid, *Metamorphoses*. (Penguin, 2004) (ISBN 014044789X)
- R. Lattimore, trans., Homer, the *Iliad*. (any edition of this translation is fine)

3 Recommended Books

Really, any translation of these is fine. You can find most of these works online, for free (in silly English) from gutenberg.org. The texts below are offered as suggestions, as they are among the most readable English translations available and will make your bookshelf look slightly more impressive.

- Aeschylus, Lattimore, ed. *Oresteia* Grene (ISBN 0226307786)

- Sophocles, Woodruff and Meineck trans., (Hackett, 2003) (ISBN 0872205851)
- Euripides, Hadas and Mclean, tr. Ten Plays of Euripides (Bantam) (ISBN 0553213636)
- D. Hine, trans. Works of Hesiod and the Homeric Hymns, (Chicago, 2007) (ISBN 0226329666)

4 Schedule

A more detailed schedule (including particular material and homework assignments) is available at:

<http://jainman.org/classics/mythology/calendar>

Lesson plans and handouts will be made available at this site as they are distributed (ideally).

There will be a quiz or exam each Friday over the material covered up to that point. Quizzes will focus on the week's material, the midterm will be comprehensive, as will the final exam. They will comprise identification of key terms and figures, short answers, and essays.

Dates	Material	Special Events
7/13	Intro and Cosmogony	
7/14	Zeus	
7/15	Misc. Olympians	
7/16	Poseidon	
7/17	Athena	Quiz 1
7/20	Aphrodite	
7/21	Artemis and Hermes	
7/22	Apollo	
7/23	Dionysus	
7/24	Demeter	Quiz 2
7/27	World of the Dead	
7/28	Theban Cycle	
7/29	Voyage of the Argo	
7/30	Herakles	
7/31		Midterm

Dates	Material	Special Events
8/3	Perseus and Theseus	
8/4	House of Atreus	
8/5	House of Atreus	
8/6	Returns	
8/7	Aineias	Quiz 3
8/10	Trojan Cycle	
8/11	Iliad	
8/12	Iliad	
8/13	Iliad	
8/14	Buffer Day	Quiz 4
8/17	EVERYTHING	Final Exam

5 Grading

Quiz 1	10%
Quiz 2	10%
Quiz 3	10%
Quiz 4	10%
Midterm	25%
Final	35%

While participation does not contribute directly to the grade, coming to class promptly, being prepared, and involvement in the lesson may factor in to adjusting the grades upward and downward.

There will be no make-ups for missed quizzes or exams, except as specified by University policy.

6 University Policies

Scholastic dishonesty on any graded assignment will result in an automatic F for the course. Scholastic dishonesty includes any kind of cheating; if you are unsure about the exact definition you should consult the General Information Catalogue, Appendix, Section 11–802, or the information on-line at:

<http://www.utexas.edu/student/registrar/catalogs/gi01-02/app/appc11.html>

If you have any questions about this, see me.

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<http://www.utexas.edu/depts/dos/ssd/index.html>

Religious Holidays: Students can make up work missed for a religious holiday if they bring documentation of the holiday fourteen days ahead of time.