

CLT3370: Myths of the Greeks and Romans

Spring 2016 – Dr. Biagio Santorelli

- **Time and Location**

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- **Contact Information**

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- **Course objectives and goals**

This course offers a comprehensive survey of classical mythology. We will explore the rich heritage of legends, myths and tales through which the Greeks and the Romans tried to explain the natural phenomena, the religious beliefs and the history of the world around them. We will read stories about Greek gods, heroes and monsters, with their interpretations in ancient literature and arts and their influence on the culture of our times. All the texts will be read in English translation.

- **Textbook**

B. B. Powell, *Classical myth*, Longman 2014 (8th or prior editions).

- **Weekly course schedule of topics and assignments**

Week 1	Jan. 6, 8	No classes (Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies)
Week 2	Jan. 11, 13, 15	Definitions and background (Chapters 1-3)
Week 3	Jan. 20, 22	Myths of Creation: The rise of Zeus and the origins of mortals (Chapters 4-5)
Week 4	Jan. 25, 27, 29	Myths of Zeus, Hera, Poseidon, Hades, Apollo (Chapters 6-7)
Week 5	Feb. 1, 3, 5	Myths of Hermes, Pan, Hephaestus, Ares (Chapter 8)
Week 6	Feb. 8, 10, 12	Myths of Aphrodite, Artemis, Athena (Chapter 9)
Week 7	Feb. 15, 17, 19	Myths of Demeter and Dionysus (Chapters 10-11)

Week 8	Feb. 22, 24, 26	Myths of the Underworld (Chapter 12)
Week 9	Feb. 29, Mar. 2, 4	No classes (Spring break)
Week 10	Mar. 7, 9, 11	Perseus and Myths of the Argives (Chapter 14)
Week 11	Mar. 14, 16, 18	Hercules (Chapter 15)
Week 12	Mar. 21, 23, 25	Theseus, Athens and Crete (Chapter 16-17)
Week 13	Mar. 28,31, Apr. 1	Oedipus and Thebes, Jason and the Argonauts (Chapters 18-19)
Week 14	Apr. 4, 6, 8	The Trojan war and the Returns of the heroes (Chapters 20-22)
Week 15	Apr. 11, 13, 15	Aeneas and the foundation of Rome (Chapters 23-24)
Week 16	Apr. 18, 20	The rise of Rome

■ Course requirements and grades

Students in CLT3370 are expected to read the textbook chapters listed above in advance; during the course I will provide further texts to be read on a weekly basis. Your grades will be based, first of all, on two exams (midterm and final). In addition, 10 **unannounced** quizzes will be administered during the course (you may drop your lowest quiz).

- Midterm exam (Feb. 26) = 35 %
- 10 quizzes = 25 %
- Final exam (Apr. 28) = 40 %

■ Class attendance and make-up works

Students are expected to attend class regularly: quizzes will **not** be announced. Make-up quizzes and exams will be given only for medical reasons. I must have written documentation for any medical or other emergencies which result in a missed test. Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

■ ADA requirements

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

■ Grading scale

A	93-100
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62
E	below 60

■ Course evaluation

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>.

Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>.

■ Critical dates for exams

- Friday, February 26: Midterm exam
- Thursday, April 28: Final exam

■ Honesty policy

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of

Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honorcode/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

- **Contact information for the Counseling and Wellness Center:** <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.