



Syllabus – English 223 - Themes of Literature: Classical Mythology – Spring Term 2010

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ENG 223 WO1 Themes of Literature – Classical Mythology. Blackboard CE8. Spring Term 2010		
Credit: 3 semester hours	Start date: 8:00 am 1/25/10	End date: 5:00 pm 05/22/10

Tutorials: You are encouraged to complete the Rio Hondo Virtual College – Blackboard Orientation online [tutorial](#). You are strongly encouraged to review the WNC [WebCampus Tutorials](#) to learn about Blackboard CE8 Mail, Discussion, and Quiz course tools before the course start date. These tools are used in this course.

Technical Skills and Student Skills Assessments: Also, take either the Cerro Coso Community College online [assessment quizzes](#) or the Assessment Quiz in the Rio Hondo Virtual College – Blackboard Orientation [tutorial](#) to assess your computer skills and suitability to Blackboard CE8 online distance learning before registering for this course. You will report the results of the quizzes in the Orientation Assignment.

Prerequisites: English 101 & English 102 or consent of the instructor. Additionally, to succeed in this course you should have course linkage skills, such as:

- ✓ College-level skills in reading, writing, and oral communication at the 200 level or better;
- ✓ Problem-solving, creative, and critical-thinking skills;
- ✓ Effective and efficient learning skills, including locating and evaluating information;
- ✓ An appreciation of fine arts and performing arts;
- ✓ An understanding of the importance of cultural traditions, diversity, and ethics in the modern world;
- ✓ Appropriate technology skills beyond the basic level.

You must ensure that your computer is compatible with the Blackboard CE8 online learning system by reviewing, and if necessary, following, the steps annotated in the WNC [preparing your computer for WebCampus](#) link before you start the course. It is your responsibility to verify that your internet browser is compatible with the Blackboard CE8 online learning system by doing a [browser check](#), and if necessary, configure your browser to be compatible, or if need be, install a compatible browser before you start the course.

Transferability and Course Linkage within the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE): This course is designed to apply toward a WNC degree and/or transfer to other schools within the Nevada System of Higher Education, depending on the degree chosen and other courses completed. It may transfer to colleges and universities outside Nevada. For information about how this course can transfer and apply to your program of study, please contact a counselor.

Course Description per the WNC Catalog: English 223 offers readings of short stories, poems, plays, and novels on a theme selected by the instructor. The course could examine such a topic as the American myth of the frontier or study perceived differences between various multicultural perceptions and attitudes in Europe and the United States. (This course focuses on Greek and Roman mythology.)

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course the students should be able to

- a. Analyze and compare themes and styles of selected works of ancient literature and explain their significance;
- b. Discuss and write clearly about themes in literary works;
- c. Show an understanding of the major myths, legends, and sagas of the ancient Greeks and Romans;
- d. Describe the qualities and importance of the major gods in Greek and Roman mythology;

- e. Demonstrate a basic knowledge and understanding of the major Greek and Roman heroes and heroines and their stories;
- f. Demonstrate an understanding of ancient Greek and Roman culture and describe similarities and differences with modern culture.

Textbook. Harris, Stephen L., and Gloria Platzner. *Classical Mythology: Images and Insights, 5th edition*. McGraw-Hill, 2008 (ISBN 978-0-07-353567-8). This textbook is available at the [WNC Bookstore](#).

Assignments and Grades. English 223 is a three-credit class. If this were an on-campus class, students would spend about 3 hours in the classroom every week. In addition, WNC estimates that students will spend about 2-3 hours outside of class for every hour in class. Depending on your prior knowledge of the subject matter and how fast you read and compose responses to reading material, you may spend less time than this estimate suggests. However, you should plan to devote 9-12 hours a week to this class. Please note that to succeed in this course you are required to

- Log into the course at least two times a week;
- Take an online quiz every week, except the midterm week and the final week, for a total of 14 quizzes;
- Post a comment about the assigned reading on the Course Tools - Discussion and respond to a student posting, weekly, except the midterm week and final week;
- Write a two-to-three page written reflection on one aspect of the subject matter covered during the previous three-week period, a total of four for the semester;
- Take a proctored, no notes, closed-book, midterm exam and final exam at an approved facility.

Quizzes, discussion postings, written reflections, and exams have specific due dates. Written reflections may be submitted up to one week after the due dates for a 50% grade deduction. The end of the one-week extension is the cut-off date. ***If you miss the due date or cut-off date for an assignment, you receive a zero. There are no make ups and no extra credit.***

POINT SCALE FOR BLACKBOARD CE8 ENG223 WO1	
Orientation Assignments: Online Orientation Questions (20 points) Familiarity with Classical Mythology (20 points)	40 points
Quizzes (14 at 10 points each)	140 points
Discussion Board postings (14 at 20 points each)	280 points
Discussion Board responses (14 at 10 points each)	140 points
Written Reflections (4 at 50 points each)	200 points
Midterm Exam	100 points
Final Exam	100 points
Total	1000 points

POINTS TO GRADE FOR BLACKBOARD CE8 ENG223 WO1		
	A (93%) = 930	A- (90%) = 900
B+ (87%) = 870	B (83%) = 830	B- (80%) = 800
C+ (77%) = 770	C (73%) = 730	C- (70%) = 700
D+ (67%) = 670	D (63%) = 630	D- (60%) = 600
	F = 599 and below	
	<i>F for academic dishonesty</i>	
	<i>W Official Withdrawal Required</i>	

Grading Policy. Students must officially withdraw from the course through Admissions and Records to receive a **"W."** Those who simply fall off the radar may be assigned an **"F"** at the instructor's discretion.

Written Reflections are due by 8:00 a.m. on the day listed in the assignments for the week in the Course Contents. I will accept Written Reflections up to one week after this due date; however, these late assignments will receive a 50% grade deduction. Late submissions may not be revised for a higher grade. You may revise your written reflections to receive a higher grade. I will average the score on the original reflection with the revision. If you revise your reflection, you will not receive a lower grade. Revisions must be submitted within one week of the date I return the original paper to you. Please notify me if you want to revise your written reflection. Revisions must be substantial re-workings of the paper, not just correcting errors.

I will assign an **F** in the course in cases of cheating or plagiarism. See the [WNC Academic Integrity Policy Manual](#) for details.

You must log in to the course at least twice a week to maintain your enrollment in the class. Every week you must also post a comment and a response to a classmate's posting under the appropriate heading for that week. If you fail to post for 2 or more weeks, you will be denied access to the class until you contact me.

You are expected to read the Course Contents and complete the assignments listed there. It is your responsibility to keep up with the reading, discussion postings, responses, and written reflections deadlines.

Email: My e-mail address is: kreynold@wnc.edu. Remember, you are welcome to contact me to clarify any questions you might have, but please consult your syllabus and course outline first before sending out a plea for help. I will try and respond to you within 24 to 36 hours. *When this course is available online, please use the Blackboard CE8 email within the course to contact me. All assignments must be done via the Blackboard CE8 medium. I will not accept assignments sent to my Western Nevada College e-mail address, kreynold@wnc.edu.*

Technical Assistance. For technical assistance with Blackboard CE8 and/or technical assistance with this course contact our WNC Fallon campus Blackboard CE8 Technical Assistant, Bob Josephs, at josephsr@wnc.edu. Telephone 775-423-7565 X2269. He is also available to provide hands-on training should you need help. His office is located in WNC Fallon Pinion Hall, Faculty 7. His work hours are Monday – Wednesday from 9AM to 2PM and Thursday from 3PM to 8PM.

Disability Support Services. If you have a disability for which you will need to request an accommodation, please contact the WNC Disability Support Services office (WNC Carson City Bristlecone building, Room 103) at 445-3266 or 445-3275 as soon as possible to arrange for the appropriate accommodation.