MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE

Faculty are required to have the outline submitted to the Academic Affairs Office. The course outline is the form used for approval of new courses by the Collegewide Curriculum Committee.

DEPT. English  COURSE NO. 2231

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 2

COURSE TITLE: Classical Mythology

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Introduces students to Greek mythology through classical texts and contemporary criticism. In addition to studying the myths themselves, lectures will focus on the functions of myths and the continuing importance of Greek mythology.

AUDIENCE: Elective

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S): Area 6, by meeting competencies 1, 3, and 5.

PREREQUISITES OR NECESSARY ENTRY SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE: ENGL 1105, advanced high school literature class, or consent of instructor

LENGTH OF COURSE: One semester

THIS COURSE IS USUALLY OFFERED: Every other year ☐ fall ☑ spring ☐ summer ☐ undetermined ☐

Four goals are emphasized in course at Minnesota West Community & Technical College:

1) ACADEMIC CONTENT: The academic objectives of this course are to introduce the major Olympian gods and major heroes of Greek mythology, and identify continuing influences of Greek mythology.

2) THINKING SKILLS: This course will help students improve the effectiveness of their thinking skills through critically reading and discussing the texts, recognizing the continuing influences of mythology, studying the translations of classical material, examining the reasons behind man’s creation of myths.

3) COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS: This course will help students improve their oral and written communication skills through class discussion and frequent writing assignments, both journal writing and essays.

4) HUMAN DIVERSITY: This course will help students recognize, understand, and appreciate human diversity through studying the myths and culture of ancient Greece.
TOPICS TO BE COVERED: Roman gods and goddesses, heroes, gods of the underworld, Olympians, Greek drama, modern application.

TEXTBOOK TO BE USED: Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes, Hamilton

LIST OF EXPECTED COURSE OUTCOMES:
Students will gain an understanding of Greek mythology.
Students will understand social, cultural, and historical context of Greek mythology.
Students will develop and improve their critical thinking skills.
Students will display effective analysis and evaluation through written works.
Students will develop and practice good revising and editing skills.

LEARNING/TEACHING TECHNIQUES used in the course are:

- Collaborative Learning
- Problem Solving
- Student Presentations
- Interactive Lectures
- Creative Projects
- Individual Coaching
- Lecture
- Films/Videos/Slides
- Demonstrations
- Other (describe below)
- Lab
- Discussions

ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THIS CLASS INCLUDE:

- Reading
- Tests
- Individual Projects
- Oral Presentations
- Worksheets
- Collaborative Projects
- Textbook Problems
- Papers
- Portfolio
- Group Problems
- Term Paper
- Other (describe below)
- Journals

EXPECTED STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: This course will give students a basic understanding of classical mythology. Successful students will understand social context and relevance to modern society and literary works. They will become more confident and competent thinkers and writers.

The information in this course outline is subject to revision

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