

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Mythology

Course #: Eng. 291

Course Description:

Heroes, monsters, quests, and romance! This course will examine enduring archetypes that run through world mythology. Myths are older than the written word, and they have shaped cultures for centuries. From Beowulf to Homer and Cinderella to Superman, these are the stories that help us make sense of the world. What do these stories have in common? And why do we continue to be drawn to these types of narratives? This course is an exploration of mythology through the ages from ancient monsters to medieval knights and princesses and even our modern day superheroes.

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: Completion of Eng. 102 with a C or better.

• **Goals:**

- To enhance the students' awareness and understanding of human experience through the study and interpretation of mythology.
- To introduce the topics and vocabulary of literary analysis and criticism.
- To provide further practice in critical thinking and writing.
- To further refine the student's skill in expository writing.
- To lead students to independent reading.
- To reinforce students' knowledge of research sources and techniques.

Outcomes: By the end of English 291, students will be able to demonstrate:

- Ability to comprehend various myths from ancient and modern texts.
- Acquisition of a vocabulary suited to analyzing and writing about mythology.
- An understanding of archetypes and their role in literature.
- An understanding of how myths from diverse cultures represent the human experience.
- Competence in writing critical essays that utilize this vocabulary on myths. These essays will include, but are not limited to, explication, analysis, comparison and contrast, and response.
- Independent critical thinking directed at the comprehension and criticism/analysis of mythology.
- Ability to find appropriate resource materials and use them to inform their understanding of mythology.

College Policies

Plagiarism: Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty are not tolerated at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Violators of this policy will be subject to sanctions ranging from failure of the assignment (receiving a zero), failing the course, being removed/expelled from the program and/or the College. Please refer to your "Student Handbook" under "Policy on Student Rights," the Section entitled "Student Discipline," or the College catalog for additional information.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented learning, physical, or psychiatric disabilities. Students should notify Dr. Christine

Woodcock, the Counselor for Students with Disabilities. She is located at Green Woods Hall, in the Center for Student Development. Her phone number is 860-738-6318 and her email is cwoodcock@nwcc.edu.

School Cancellations: If snowy or icy driving conditions cause the postponement or cancellation of classes, announcements will be made on local radio and television stations and posted on the College's website at www.nwcc.edu. Students may also call the College directly at (860) 738-6464 to hear a recorded message concerning any inclement weather closings. Students are urged to exercise their own judgment if road conditions in their localities are hazardous.

Use of Electronic Devices: Some course content as presented in Blackboard Learn is not fully supported on mobile devices at this time. While mobile devices provide convenient access to check in and read information about your courses, they should not be used to perform work such as taking tests, quizzes, completing assignments, or submitting substantive discussion posts.

Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team: NCCC is committed to creating a community that is safe and supportive of people of all gender and sexual identities. This pertains to the entire campus community, whether on ground or virtual, students, faculty, or staff. Sexual assault and intimate partner violence is an affront to our national conscience, and one we cannot ignore. It is our hope that no one within our campus community will become a victim of these crimes. However, if it occurs, NCCC has created the SART Team - Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team - to meet the victim's needs.

SART is a campus and community based team that is fully trained to provide trauma-informed compassionate service and referrals for comprehensive care. The team works in partnership with The Susan B. Anthony Project to extend services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the year.

The NCCC team members are:

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Robin Orlomoski	860-738-6416	Business Office Room 201
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Savannah Schmitt		Student Representative

At NCCC we care about our students, staff and faculty and their well-being. It is our intention to facilitate the resources needed to help achieve both physical and emotional health.