

COURSE DETAIL

CLASSICAL MYTHOLOGY

Country

New Zealand

Host Institution

University of Auckland

Program(s)

University of Auckland

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Classics

UCEAP Course Number

10

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CLASSICAL MYTHOLOGY

UCEAP Transcript Title

CLASSICAL MYTHOLOGY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course presents the myths of ancient Greece and Rome: about gods, heroes, heroines, and monsters. Topics include Greek and Roman myths in their social and historical context, identifying the important cultural and religious roles that myths served in Greco-Roman history; the 'afterlife' of Greek and Roman myths in later culture; Greco-Roman mythology from a local perspective, considering similarities and differences with the traditional stories and figures of Aotearoa New Zealand, such as Ranginui and Papatuanuku, Hineahuone, and Maui. The course also focuses on how myths were transmitted. The Greeks and Romans first shared their myths in oral form for hundreds of years, before starting to write down their stories and make art depicting them. Readings include the myths written up in different styles/genres; epics, religious hymns, a tragedy, and a history, to see how different genres shaped the presentation of myths; some artworks that portray myths, and consider what function these artistic representations had for the Greeks or Romans.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

CLASSICS 110

Host Institution Course Title

CLASSICAL MYTHOLOGY

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Classical Studies

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