







**Course Syllabus**

**HUM 2310 Mythology Syllabus**

**Valencia College**

**CRN# 24679**

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*\****Mandatory online orientation** *due by Thurs - first week of class*

*day - login to class on Monday Jan. 9th for directions. To login, go to* [https://online.valenciacollege.edu](https://valenciacollege.instructure.com/) *Or, from the Valencia homepage, go to Login “Valencia Online (Canvas).”*

**Phone**:  407-582-2810 (Humanities Office)

**Class**:   Bldg 1, Rm 115 // MON - WED 11:30 am - 12:45 pm

**Office Hours: TBD, by Zoom appointment**

**Instructor Availability: I will be available through Canvas email.** I check my Canvas email several times a day during the term. This is usually the best way to contact me. I will try to respond to your emails within 24 hours Monday-Friday.

**Catalog Description:**

Examines world mythology in comparative perspective, analyzes myths with a variety of methods, and considers the application of mythological ideas and symbols in the humanities. Gordon Rule course which requires multiple college level writing assignments. Minimum grade of C required if used to satisfy Gordon Rule requirement. 3 credit hours.

***Major Topics/ Concepts/ Skills/ Issues***

* Trace similar archetypes in world mythologies.
* Identify, describe, and illustrate with appropriate examples how the expression of the archetypes in specific cultures is both universal and particular.
* Explain the possible reasons for the archetypal similarities found around the globe.

**Prerequisites:** Freshman Composition ENC 1101 or 1101H, IDH 1110

**Textbooks and materials: buy used to save $**

[An Introduction to Comparative Mythology by Jennifer Taylor](https://he.kendallhunt.com/product/introduction-comparative-mythology" \t "_blank)

[Links to an external site.](https://he.kendallhunt.com/product/introduction-comparative-mythology" \t "_blank).

available at the College bookstore or the online retailer of your choice.

Other materials, videos and readings are available online through Canvas.

**Canvas Component:** This is a hybrid that meets once a week, which means that most of your coursework will be delivered through canvas assignments, discussions and quizzes.  **There is a required online orientation which must be completed by Thursday, 1/12 at 11:59 p.m.  The orientation is mandatory and the Quiz and discussion will count as part of your grade. If you do not login and complete the orientation by this date, you will be dropped from the course.** This class will be conducted in the classroom and online. Please make sure you have a reliable Internet source as well as a Plan B for emergencies (a laptop, access to a friend’s computer, etc.) You should plan on checking in to Canvas at least twice a week. Also, you should check your Atlas email account regularly. In order to be successful in a mixed mode course, I expect you to have basic technological proficiency, such as locating sources online, logging into your account, and attaching a .doc or .docx word document (Microsoft Word compatible is preferred). If you use Open Office or Pages, please save your file as a .doc file. You are responsible for ensuring that your assignments are uploaded in the correct format by the due date. If I have seen your assignment but it is not gradable (blank, wrong assignment, etc.) or needs to be resubmitted, I will place a “1” in the Gradebook as a placeholder until the correct assignment is uploaded.

I recommend spending 3-6 hours each week on reading, videos, quizzes, discussions and assignments for this course; please plan accordingly.  **Because of the subject matter and nature of the class it will require a good amount of pre-class prep and discussion participation -** **BE PREPARED FOR CLASS.**

***Troubleshooting tips:*** Make sure you are logging into Canvas directly through [https://online.valenciacollege.edu/](https://valenciacollege.instructure.com/) , not through Atlas, since Atlas will “time out” while you are working. Also, you may need to disable your pop-up blocker in order to view attachments.

**Course outcomes and core competencies:**

* **Articulate connections between world mythologies and contemporary culture such as film, literature, music, etc., including personal life where relevant.**
* **To analyze and interpret myth or mythic works of different world cultures and traditions with a variety of methods.**
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* **Appreciate the diverse achievements and traditions of global civilizations.**
* **Demonstrate college level writing.**

This course seeks to reinforce the following Valencia Student Competencies:

* **Think** clearly, critically and creatively by analyzing, synthesizing, integrating, and evaluating symbolic works and truth claims.
* Reflect on your own and others’ **values** from individual, cultural and global perspectives.
* **Communicate** by reading, listening, writing and speaking effectively.
* **Act** purposefully, reflectively and responsibly by implementing effective problem solving and decision making strategies.

**Attendance:**

This is a face-to-face course, available 24/7, managed through Canvas. You must have access to the Internet (available on all Valencia campuses) to complete the course requirements.

**Required Attendance Activity: Students must complete the mandatory course orientation. If you do not login and complete the orientation activities by Thursday 9/12 you will be withdrawn from the course as a no-show.**

In order to be successful in this class you must keep up with the weekly deadlines. You should login a minimum of two days per week and plan to dedicate 3-6 hours a week total to class work.

**WE HAVE  16 WEEKS of class so ATTENDANCE FOR EACH SESSION IS MANDATORY**

three unexcused absences will reduce your grade by one letter.

Your attendance will be checked based on your participation in the course and submission of coursework. In the event of an extended absence, you should contact me via email or phone as soon as possible to indicate the reason. If you do not access the course website or contact me letting me know of your absence for a period of seven consecutive days, you will be contacted and if there is no communication within 48 hours, you will be withdrawn from the course up until the withdrawal deadline.

**Professionalism:** Students may find the Student Code of Conduct in the current *Valencia Student Handbook.* The primary responsibility for managing the classroom environment rests with the faculty.  This is a college campus and you are expected to act professionally.

* Laptops, smartphones and other electronic devices may be used in class for academic purposes.
* Assignments should be turned in on time. No late assignments will be accepted more than 24 hours after the due date.
* Proper class etiquette is expected. Be respectful of classmates at all times.
* Students are expected to keep up with the pace of the class. This is not a self-paced class. You must keep up with the due dates and assignments due each week. You should expect to log-in to class at least twice per week. I encourage you to work ahead; all quizzes are available beginning at the start of class.
* In class discussions, you are encouraged to express your opinions and respond to the opinions of others. Please be respectful when responding to your peers. It is OK to disagree, but please do so respectfully.

**COLLEGE POLICIES**

**No Show Policy**

**Class attendance is required for this face to face class** - beginning with the first class meeting. If you do not attend the first class meeting, you may be withdrawn from the class as a “no show.” Class attendance is required; students who are not actively participating in class and/or do not submit the required attendance activity or assignment by the scheduled due date must be withdrawn by the instructor at the end of the first week as a "no show". If you are withdrawn as a “no show,” you will be financially responsible for the class and a final grade of “WN” will appear on your transcript for the course.”

**Withdrawal Policy**

The withdrawal deadline is **3/24/2022** to receive a W.

Per [Valencia policy](http://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/academicpoliciesprocedures/courseattemptscoursewithdrawal/" \t "_blank)

[Links to an external site.](http://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/academicpoliciesprocedures/courseattemptscoursewithdrawal/" \t "_blank) a student who withdraws from class before the established deadline for a particular term will receive a grade of “W. A student is not permitted to withdraw after the withdrawal deadline.

A faculty member **will**withdraw a student up to the withdrawal deadline for violation of the class attendance policy. A student who is withdrawn by faculty for violation of the class attendance policy will receive a grade of “W”. After the withdrawal deadline, faculty will not withdraw a student and the student will receive the grade earned at the end of the course. Any student who withdraws or is withdrawn from a class during a third or subsequent attempt in the same course will be assigned a grade of “F.” If you do not intend to complete the course, you must withdraw yourself prior to the withdrawal date.

**College Student Conduct Policy**

Valencia is dedicated not only to the advancement of knowledge and learning but also to the development of responsible personal and social conduct. As a registered student, you assume the responsibility for conducting yourself in a manner that contributes positively to Valencia’s learning community and that does not impair, interfere with, or obstruct the orderly conduct, processes, and functions of the college as described in the [Student Code of Conduct](http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/documents/Volume8/8-03-Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf" \t "_blank)

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**Academic Honesty**

**All forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited at Valencia College. [Academic dishonesty](http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/documents/Volume8/8-11-Academic-Dishonesty.pdf" \t "_blank)**

**[Links to an external site.](http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/documents/Volume8/8-11-Academic-Dishonesty.pdf" \t "_blank) includes, but is not limited to, acts or attempted acts of plagiarism, cheating, furnishing false information, forgery, alteration or misuse of documents, misconduct during a testing situation, facilitating academic dishonesty, and misuse of identification with intent to defraud or deceive.**

**All work submitted by students is expected to be the result of the students' individual thoughts, research, and self-expression. Whenever a student uses ideas, wording, or organization from another source, the source shall be appropriately acknowledged. If a student is caught submitting plagiarized work a first offense will result in a zero score on the assignment, a second offense will result in a class grade of F.**

Students are responsible for ensuring that assignments are uploaded in the correct file and format by the due date. Assignments re-submitted after the due date may not be accepted or may be assessed a late penalty.

You should not share your Valencia username and password with anyone. If someone other than the student who is enrolled in the course (you) logs into your account, it is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

**Students with Disabilities**

Valencia is committed to ensuring that all of its programs and services are accessible to students with disabilities. [The Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD)](http://valenciacollege.edu/osd/" \t "_blank)

[Links to an external site.](http://valenciacollege.edu/osd/" \t "_blank) determines reasonable and appropriate accommodations for qualified students with documented disabilities based upon the need and impact of the specific disability.

Any student requiring course accommodations due to physical, emotional or learning disability must contact the instructor and provide a *Notification to Instructor* form by the end of the second week of class. To obtain a letter of accommodation, contact OSD at 407-582-2229.

**Baycare Student Assistance Services**

Valencia College strives to ensure all our students have a rewarding and successful college experience. To that purpose, Valencia students can get immediate help with issues dealing with stress, anxiety, depression, adjustment difficulties, substance abuse, time management as well as relationship problems dealing with school, home or work. [BayCare Behavioral Health Student Assistance Program (SAP)](http://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/studentservices/baycarestudentassistanceservices/" \t "_blank)

[Links to an external site.](http://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/studentservices/baycarestudentassistanceservices/" \t "_blank) services are free to all Valencia students and available 24 hours a day by calling (800) 878-5470. If needed, the counselor may refer the student to appropriate resources or to speak face-to-face with a licensed counselor.

**COLLEGE LINKS**

***[College Catalog](http://valenciacollege.edu/catalog/" \t "_blank)***

**[Links to an external site.](http://valenciacollege.edu/catalog/" \t "_blank)**

***[Valencia Policy Manual](http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/" \t "_blank)***

**[Links to an external site.](http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/" \t "_blank)**

***[Student Handbook](http://valenciacollege.edu/pdf/studenthandbook.pdf" \t "_blank)***

**[Links to an external site.](http://valenciacollege.edu/pdf/studenthandbook.pdf" \t "_blank)**

***[Microsoft Office Instructions for free software](http://valenciacollege.edu/support/howto/documents/Valencia_Office-ProPlus-Instructions.pdf" \t "_blank)***

**[Links to an external site.](http://valenciacollege.edu/support/howto/documents/Valencia_Office-ProPlus-Instructions.pdf" \t "_blank)**

***[Course Support](http://valenciacollege.edu/learning-support/" \t "_blank)***

**[Links to an external site.](http://valenciacollege.edu/learning-support/" \t "_blank)*: onsite, online tutoring, writing help, etc.***

**Grading:**

The following grading scale will be used:

A = 90 – 100 %

B = 80 – 89.9 %

C = 70 – 79.9 %

D = 60 – 69.9 %

F = 0 – 59.9 %

I will strive to grade assignments within one week of the due date. If you have a question about a grade, please email me your concern no later than one week (7 days) after the assignment has been graded.

**Study Strategies:**

* Each week, login to Canvas to access the current Learning Unit and the required readings. Read or view the assigned materials and complete all assignments (quiz, discussion, paper or project).
* Avoid taking the quizzes and completing work on the due date whenever possible. In an online class, you need to always work ahead in case you run into technical or personal difficulties. If there is a power outage or you are unexpectedly unable to complete your work on the due date, you will not be able to turn in work late past the 24-hour grace period.

**Late Work/Makeup Policy:**

Assignments should be turned in on time. A 24-hour grace period will be allowed for turning in late assignments.  No assignments will be accepted more than 24 hours late except in rare, documented emergencies. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are unable to complete assignments in the course due to an emergency.

**Course Components:**

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| IN CLASS and  ONLINE Discussions  (9 + @ 20 points each) | 180 points | **Online** discussions are usually due by Wednesday with responses to peers due Sunday by 11:59 p.m.  **In class** discussions are due the next class period usually a MON - notes due end of WED class. |
| Other assignments (myth vocabulary, etc.) | X points | As assigned |
| Quizzes- 9 + @10 points each | 90 points | Usually due each Friday/Sunday by 11:59 p.m. |
| Papers and projects  5+@ 50 points each | 250 points | Usually due Sundays by 11:59 p.m. |
| Midterm | 100 points |  |
| Final Exam | 100 points |  |
| TOTAL POINTS | 720 + points |  |

**Discussions**

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| Excellent response: All parts of the question are answered completely in 200 words or more. The response makes a connection to the text and shows depth of thought and original thinking. The response is submitted on time. Responses to two classmates. | 20 points |
| Satisfactory response: All parts of the question are answered, but the response lacks connection to the text or depth of thought. Response is less than 175 words. | 10 points |
| Partially complete response: Only part of the question is answered. | 5 points |

I will be reading and commenting on the discussion post at least once and week and privately under your assignment comments.  I may not respond to every student every week; however, I do read everyone’s response each week. Try to respond to a post that has not yet received a response.  It can be discouraging if you think no one is reading your thoughts! You will receive 10 points each chapter for participation (5 points for each of your two comments). Your comments should make a connection to the discussion and show college-level thinking. These comments are due by Sunday of each week.

**Final exam (100 points)**

The final exam will open on Monday April 24th at 8am and you will have until 11:59 p.m. to finish.  The exam will include several comprehensive questions. Details will be announced one week prior to the exam date. This exam will consist of short essays you will submit online under Modules—Exam Week.

**Final Grade:**

The course consists of around 720+ points total. You can calculate your final grade by dividing your total points by 10. A running total of your points is available at any time under My Grades. You will be able to view your grades in Canvas until the end of the semester.

*Warning:* Do not forward your Atlas e-mail to another account (such as aol or yahoo).   Students who do often miss important emails from the College.

***Disclaimer:  The course calendar may be subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.*** *Please print it out and use it as a week-by-week guide to assignments and due dates.*

Course Calendar on next page- please print out and use as a checklist.

**Course Calendar: Mythology Spring 2023**

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|  |  | WEEK 1 | Orientation  Introduction  Unit 1:  What is Myth? | Orientation:   1. Read orientation module 2. Take Syllabus Quiz\*   \* not graded but mandatory attendance activity   Unit 1 assignments   * Assigned readings * Introduction Quiz due Friday * Mythology Vocabulary and Symbolism Part 1 due Sunday * Discussion: Introduction to Stories due Wednesday * Paper #1: Mythology in Advertisement due Sunday |
|  |  | One Week | Unit 1  Unit 2:  Myths, Archetypes and Dreams | Unit 2 assignments   * Assigned readings * Discussion: Myths and Dreams due Wednesday * Myths and Dreams quiz due Friday * Paper #2: Myths in Dreams + creative response (100 points total) due Sunday * Mythology Vocabulary and Symbolism Part 2 due Sunday |
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|  |  | Two Weeks | Unit 4:  Creation Myths | Unit 4 assignments   * Assigned readings * Discussion: Creation Myths due Wednesday * Creation Myth quiz due Friday * Paper #4: Creation Myths due Sunday |
|  |  | Two  Weeks | Unit 5:  Destruction Myths | Unit 5 assignments   * Assigned readings * Discussion: Destruction Myths due Wednesday * Destruction Myths quiz due Friday |
|  |  | One Week | MIDTERM | Watch the film The Fountain  Midterm paper due Sunday |
|  |  | One Week | Unit 6:  Place and Object Myths | Note: withdrawal deadline is FRI March 24th  Unit 6 assignments   * Assigned readings * Discussion: Place and Object Myths due Wednesday * Place and Object Myths quiz due Friday |
|  |  | Two Weeks | Unit 7:  Hero Myths | Unit 7 assignments   * Assigned readings * Discussion: Hero Myths due Wednesday * Hero Myths quiz due Friday * Paper #5: Hero Cycle due Sunday |
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|  |  | One Week | Unit 9:  Mythology in Art | Unit 9 assignments   * Assigned readings * Mythology in Art presentations due Friday * Mythology in Art quiz due Sunday |
|  |  | Exam Week |  | Final Exam due Monday April 24th by 11:59 p.m. |