Mythology Studies

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Associate Faculty
Associate Professors Cynthia Bannon (Classical Studies), Stephanie Kane* (Criminal Justice), Helen Sword* (English)

Ph.D. Minor in Mythology Studies

Course Requirements
Students must complete 12 or more graduate credit hours of appropriate courses. All courses must be approved in advance by the mythology studies advisor.

At least one of the courses must be a core course, either Folklore F545 Survey of Folk Narrative (Topic: Analysis of Myth) or Folklore F545 Survey of Folk Narrative (Topic: Cosmology and Worldview) or Classical Studies C405 Comparative Mythology. Other courses taught by participating faculty may be designated by the mythology studies advisor as fulfilling the core requirement when they provide a theoretical and methodological overview of the study of mythology.

No more than two courses may be taken in a single department. No more than 3 credit hours of directed readings can be applied to the minor.

Grades
A minimum of B (3.0) in all courses that count toward the minor.
Examination
None.

Courses

Classical Studies

C405 Comparative Mythology (4 cr.) P: C205, graduate standing, or consent of instructor. Advanced theoretical study of the forms and functions of classical Greek and Roman myths, including reading and evaluation of comparable myths in ancient Near Eastern cultures (Egypt, Mesopotamia, Anatolia, Canaan). Comparative reading and evaluation of selected myths from outside the Mediterranean cultural area.

Folklore

F545 Folk Narrative (3 cr.) (Topic: Analysis of Myth) Examination of myths, folktales, legends, jokes, fables, anecdotes, personal narratives, or other forms of folk narrative. Attention given to the content, form, and functions of the narratives as well as the variety of theories and methodologies employed in their study. May be repeated for credit when topic changes.

F545 Folk Narrative (3 cr.) (Topic: Cosmology and Worldview) Examination of myths, folktales, legends, jokes, fables, anecdotes, personal narratives, or other forms of folk narrative. Attention given to the content, form, and functions of the narratives as well as the variety of theories and methodologies employed in their study. May be repeated for credit when topic changes.