

Course Description Form

Course number and section: ENGL 150

Course Topic: Introduction to Literary Genre

Credits: 3

Term: Winter Term 1

Instructor: Paul Milton

Course Description (aim for no more than 80 – 100 words for your course description):

The ancient Greek epic *The Odyssey*, one of two poems attributed to the poet Homer, has occupied a central role in western culture throughout history. In recent years, the poem has undergone multiple re-evaluations and revisions which expose and at times correct its questionable cultural assumptions. In this course, students will read a contemporary translation of the Greek epic, and then examine a variety of contemporary responses to the original. There will be two short essays, one midterm test and a final examination in the course.

Tentative Reading List: (Be as concise as possible with your reading list, but please also specify the genre of each required text. See sample below)

Homer, *The Odyssey* (trans. Emily Wilson) [EPIC POEM]

Louise Gluck, *Meadowlands* [LYRIC POEMS]

Margaret Atwood, *The Penelopiad* [NOVELLA/PARODY]

Derek Walcott, *The Odyssey: A Stage Version* [PLAY]

Other: