

Course Description Form

Course number and section: ENGL 150, 101 & 102

Course Topic: Introduction to Literary Genre

Credits: 3

Term: W2

Instructor: Paul Milton

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

This course will explore literary genre by looking at a single story told in different ways. The story in question is the ancient Greek tale of Odysseus, told by Homer in the epic poem *The Odyssey*. We will read the poem in some detail and then look at other literary works based on the same story to see how different genres operate on different assumptions and deploy different conventions to achieve their aesthetic aims. We will also consider the academic essay as a genre with its own set of conventions.

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*

Derek Walcott, *The Odyssey: A Play*

Louise Gluck, *Meadowlands*

William Kennedy, *Ironweed*

Other: