MCLLC FALL 2020 COURSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH (UK CORE)

CLA 135  GREEK/ROMAN MYTHOLOGY
Instructor: Laura Manning  TR 11:00 AM-12:15 PM  UK Core: Inq. in Humanities
The Greek myths studied both from the standpoint of their meaning to the Greeks and Romans and from the standpoint of their use in later literature and in everyday life.

AIS 228  ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION
Instructor: Aiyub Palmer  TR 9:30-10:45 AM  UK Core: Inq. in Humanities
This course is an introduction to the religion of Islam and the classical era of the Islamic civilization. A great deal of time will be spent on the life of Muhammad (570-632) and basic beliefs, rituals and practices. The course will also explore aspects of the history of Islamic civilization from the time of Muhammad to around the 17th century, including science, art theology and law.

CLA 229  ANCIENT NEAR EAST/GREECE TO DEATH OF ALEX THE GREAT
Instructor: Daniel J. Gargola  MWF 11:00-11:50 AM  UK Core: Inq. in Humanities
Covers the birth of civilization in Egypt and Mesopotamia, and the history of the ancient Near East and Greece to the conquest of Greece by Philip of Macedon. (Same as HIS 229)

MCL 311  THE WORLD OF AUTOBIOGRAPHY
Instructor: Matthew V. Wells  TR 11:00 AM-12:15 PM  UK Core: Inquiry in Arts
This course will examine and compare literary autobiographical writings (defined broadly to include text and image) from Asian and European historical traditions. In addition to learning to read and interpret autobiographies as literature, this course will consider the process of creating a literary self through activities and exercises designed to engage with the stylistic elements of autobiography as literature.

JPN 320  INTRODUCTION TO JAPANESE CULTURE: PRE-MODERN TO 1868
Instructor: Joannah Peterson  TR 9:30-10:45 AM  UK Core: Global Dynamics
This course provides an introductory look at the literary and visual culture of Japan from the earliest records until 1868. This discussion will focus heavily on the literary arts but will also encompass film, architecture, the fine arts, as well as discussions pertaining to history. That is, cultural products will provide clues to values and issues within the society. We will explore some of the major works of Japanese literature spanning a millennium (eighth to nineteenth century). Taking into consideration socio-historical settings and various modes of reading, we reach for an understanding of the world represented by classical literature as well as an understanding of ourselves as reading subjects. This course will then have a strong cross-cultural aspect as we discuss issues of relevance to the Japanese audience that may or may not have been relevant to others.

CHI 330  INTRO TO CHINESE CULTURE: PRE-MOD TO 1840
Instructor: Matthew V. Wells  TR 9:30-10:45 AM  UK Core: Inq. in Humanities
This course introduces students to pre-modern Chinese history, society, and culture up to 1840. Some of the major questions to be addressed include: Is China the oldest continuous civilization? Was it culturally and ethnically homogenous? Was Chinese traditional culture and society patriarchal? To what extent was the state successful in penetrating into daily lives of individuals?
MCL 335  DEMOCRACY: ANCIENT AND AMERICAN
Instructor: Laura Manning  MWF 11:00-11:50 AM  UK Core Comm., Culture, Citizenship in US.

This course asks students to think critically about the concept of democracy by close examination of the first flowering democracy in ancient Athens, its ancient critics, and comparison to their own experience of contemporary American democracy. Fundamental issues that will engage the students’ discussion and writing include: socioeconomic class, individual rights, the scope of government, justice, and democracy and imperialism. Students will develop and articulate their own evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages of democratic government.

GER 361  GERMAN CINEMA
Instructor: N. Jeff Rogers  TR 12:30-1:45 PM  UK Core: Global Dynamics

This course examines the history of German film in the 20th and 21st centuries. We will trace the development of the German film industry through the tumultuous events of the 20th century and critically examine representative films from the German film tradition. Films include The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari, The Blue Angel, M, The Legend of Paul and Paula, The Marriage of Maria Braun and Run Lola, Run among others. All films have subtitles and the course is conducted in English.

MCL 343  GLOBAL HORROR
Instructor: N. Jeff Rogers  TR 9:30-10:45 AM  UK Core: Global Dynamics/Humanities

This course examines the horror genre as an international phenomenon in the 21st century. Come discover what scares us and why. In this course we will examine the conventions of the contemporary horror film while attempting to come to terms with its global popularity. Films include international hits like The Ring, Train to Busan, Let the Right One In, Raw and Nachtmahr. All films have subtitles and the course is conducted in English.

RUS 371  THE RUSSIAN CULTURAL IMAGINATION 900-1900
Instructor: Edward Lee  TR 2:00-3:15 PM  UK Core: Global Dynamics/Humanities

An introduction to and survey of Russian culture from its origins until the 20th century that acquaints students with the roots of Russian religion, the arts, architecture, music, folklore, and everyday life. Taught in English.