

January - March 2016 : 10 week Course

Ovid's *Metamorphoses* Mythology II

From 4th January (North Stainley venue) & 11th January (Harrogate venue)

Brief details of the proposed topics to be covered each week

- Week 1** **94 Ovid VIII – Minotaur & Ariadne, Daedalus**
The 'Minoans'
Theme of creative art
Dinner stories on theme of reward and punishment
All love ends unhappily –
Scylla & Nisus, Minotaur & Ariadne, Daedalus & Icarus, Perdix, Meleager, Atalanta, the Calydonian Boar, Perimele, Philemon & Baucis, Erysichthon
- Week 2** **95 Ovid IX – Winning battles but not the war.**
Love from social and biological view
Deianira & suitors, Hercules & Achelous, and Nessus, Alcmene & Dryope
Byblis & twin Caunus, Iphis as a boy.
- Week 3** **96 Ovid X – Lost loves**
Orpheus & Eurydice, Apollo & Hyacinthus, Propoetides & Pygmalion,
Cinyras' daughter Myrrha, Venus & Adonis, Atalanta & Hippomenes
- Week 4** **97 Ovid XI – Loss**
Orpheus reunited, artless Midas and Pan & Apollo's contest, Peleus & Thetis,
Daedalion's daughter Chione and Apollo and Mercury, Ceyx & Alcyone
- Week 5** **98 Ovid XII – Diana/Artemis**
Her part in the Trojan War, Ephesus
Ovid's take on the Iliad: Paris & Helen, Iphigenia, Cycnus & Achilles, Caenis/Caenus & Neptune, Eurytus centaurs and Hercules, Neptune & Apollo vs Achilles
- Week 6** **Ovid XIII – Polyphemus & Galatea**
Trojan War theme continued but Virgil :
Female suffering in war
Ajax, Cassandra, Hecuba, Polyxena's sacrifice, Polydorus & Polymestor
Memnon, Aeneas, Daughters & Agamemnon, Galatea & Acis, Polyphemus & Galatea
- Week 7** **Ovid XIV – Aeneas & Dido: Roman Territory**
And Circe bewitches men
Ovid's not-Virgil's-Aeneas tale
Glaucus, Circe & Scylla, Sibyl, Achaemenides, Antiphates & Circe, Picus
Turnus, nymphs, Aeneas' deification, Pomona & Vertumnus, Romulus follows
- Week 8** **Ovid XV – Pythagoras**
And final words
Pythagoras philosophy
All rise and fall – inc Rome? Questions of Immortality
Numa's travels: Founding of Croton: Hercules: Myscelus
Egeria mourns Numa's death, Phaedra & Hippolytus, Cipus,
Plague in Rome and Asclepius, murder of Caesar, rise & future success of Augustus
- Week 9** **Ovid XV ii Deifications and Final Words**
Ovid's approach to Julius Caesar and Augustus ...
- Week 10** **The Survival of Myths**
Later European culture and media revels in the ancient myths

Aim:

Understand the many uses of Greek and Roman myths and of their reach into our modern lives
Appreciate the sources of our knowledge of Greek and Roman myths.
Read Books 8-15 of Ovid's *Metamorphoses* and a selection of Latin sources of classical mythology.

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