

Welcome to Perspectives on the Humanities: INTD 209L Online - Spring I 2023 with Joanna Huyck

"We live our lives through texts. They may be read or chanted, or experienced electronically, or come to us like the murmurings of our mothers, telling us what conversations demand. Whatever their form or medium, these stories have formed us all, they are what we must use to make new stories." - Carolyn Heilbrun

About the course:

Recognizing that the role of the narrative is an integral part of the human experience, this course will explore the development of 'story.' We will be examining the relationship that exists between the narrator, the reader, and the story (narrative) itself. Through a series of written exercises, the student will assume the role of both 'storyteller' and 'reader.' The course will help the student interpret stories for their universal themes and for their own personal meaning. In this course, we will read from selected multicultural readings and other relevant materials in literature, psychology, anthropology, and the fine arts to enable the student to recognize, criticize, and critically examine this dimension of the narrative in the student's quest for meaning in his/her academic (and personal) contexts. We will explore, too, how our own stories, despite their personal nature, may help us connect with others through their universal themes. By examining themes relevant to the student's personal and professional life (in the form of stories that men and women have used in both the past and present) the student will find meaning and a better understanding of himself/herself and the cultures in which he/she lives.

This course is taught in an online format through Marist's course management system, called iLearn. This system will provide you 24/7 access to the course materials (i.e. syllabus, readings, assignments) and individual grades and emails. The class will include papers, projects, online discussions, and lectures. Although training will be provided by Marist, you should have no problem using iLearn if you know how to use a computer for basic tasks and have experience surfing the web.

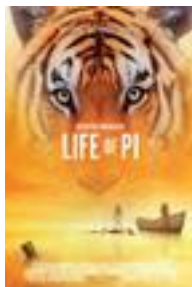
About the Required Material/textbooks:

There is a required textbook and a required novel for this course. The books *are not* available at the Marist bookstore, however, they are inexpensive and should not be difficult to come by online or even in your local library. **Amazon also has several free or very low-cost options. Please read all the information below about the required materials before you purchase anything.**

Required Novel:

Martel, Y. (2003). Life of Pi. Houghton Mifflin.

I will use the print version with the ISBN **978-0-15-603020-5**, but other formats are acceptable. I will not refer to specific page numbers, just chapters. **I highly recommend the audio book.** Since both print and audio are inexpensive many students find it helpful to use both. Feel free to search for the best price and a format that works best for you:

**Acceptable formats/editions:**

Paperback: New from online seller or off shelf approximately \$9-10

Used print purchase from online seller: as little as \$2

Unabridged Audio: Free with Audible trial or subscription. New from online seller or off shelf \$25-35; used audio from online seller around \$10

Ebook/Kindle: \$8.50 (free with unlimited)

Any format above from your local library: Free

Please note viewing **the film is NOT acceptable for this requirement!**

https://www.amazon.com/Life-Pi-Yann-Martel/dp/0156027321/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1520972657&sr=1-1&keywords=life+of+pi

Required Textbook:

Campbell, J., and Moyers, B. *The Power of Myth*.

ISBN-10: 0385418868

ISBN-13: 978-0385418867

You may use any format of the Campbell & Moyer text (written or audio).

There is a good chance your local library will have a print version of this text for free.

Acceptable formats:

New Print Paperback: \$10-20

Used Print Ordered Online: as little as \$3

Kindle: \$9-12

Audio Book: Used: \$14; New: \$24 (or free with Audible trial)

http://www.amazon.com/The-Power-Myth-Joseph-Campbell/dp/0385418868/ref=pd_sim_74_2?ie=UTF8&dpID=51z5OALg1fL&dpSrc=sims&preST=AC_UL160_SR104%2C160_&refRID=1D2GVM9JFRHT1YRM04XD

A little about me:

I had a prior Public Relations career with the New York State Legislature, but higher education is my passion. I've been teaching adult college students for nearly 20 years, and about 15 years ago I began focusing on online course development. This is my 11th year with Marist College.

"See" you in class!

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