Looking for a G.E. Course? (Area C4)

All readings, discussions and lectures in ENGLISH.
No German language requirement.

German 140:
“Heroes, Dragons and Quests”

Course is a study of medieval society as seen through the adventures of the daring heroes and heroines of the European Middle Ages.

Reading List includes:

- Gottfried von Straßburg's
- Wolfram von Eschenbach's
- Ulrich von Lichtenstein's
- The Nibelungenlied
- Tristan and Isolde
- Parzival
- The Service of Ladies

1) Why does Siegfried choose the wrong bride?
2) How does the revenge of the Burgundian princess bring on the destruction of an entire kingdom?
3) Who tricks the proud Queen of Iceland into marrying a king, she can physically overpower?
4) What is the role of the water nymphs in the fateful prophecies?
5) What is the origin of the curse on the gold in Richard Wagner's opera cycle?
6) Who concocts the "love potion" that Tristan and Isolde drink?
7) What adventures bring the German knights to the court of King Arthur?
8) How do they join his company as "Knights of the Round Table"?
9) What are the demands of "courtoisie"?
10) Can "love" convert the heathen heart in the Castle of the Holy Grail?

Answer these questions in Spring 2009!

German 140, MWF 12:00-12:50, Spring 2009