

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.



Answer these questions in Spring 2009!

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?

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