Course information: Copy and paste current course information from Class Search/Course Catalog.

College/School: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Department/School: English

Prefix: EN  Number: 476  Title: Studies in Folklore (Topic: The Legend)  Units: 3

Course description: Surveys the history, genres, and dynamics of folklore, with emphasis on oral traditions. May be repeated for credit when topics vary.

Is this a cross-listed course? No  If yes, please identify course(s):

Is this a shared course? No  If so, list all academic units offering this course:

Note- For courses that are crosslisted and/or shared, a letter of support from the chair/director of each department that offers the course is required for each designation requested. By submitting this letter of support, the chair/director agrees to ensure that all faculty teaching the course are aware of the General Studies designation(s) and will teach the course in a manner that meets the criteria for each approved designation.

Is this a permanent-numbered course with topics? YES

If yes, each topic requires an individual submission, separate from other topics.

Requested designation:  Mandatory Review: NO

Note- a separate proposal is required for each designation.

Eligibility: Permanent numbered courses must have completed the university’s review and approval process. For the rules governing approval of omnibus courses, contact Phyllis.Lucie@asu.edu.

Submission deadlines dates are as follow:
For Fall 2020 Effective Date: October 10, 2019
For Spring 2021 Effective Date: March 5, 2020

Area proposed course will serve:
A single course may be proposed for more than one core or awareness area. A course may satisfy a core area requirement and more than one awareness area requirements concurrently, but may not satisfy requirements in two core areas simultaneously, even if approved for those areas. With departmental consent, an approved General Studies course may be counted toward both the General Studies requirement and the major program of study. It is the responsibility of the chair/director to ensure that all faculty teaching the course are aware of the General Studies designation(s) and adhere to the above guidelines.

Checklists for general studies designations:
Complete and attach the appropriate checklist
- Literacy and Critical Inquiry core courses (L)
- Mathematics core courses (MA)
- Computer/statistics/quantitative applications core courses (CS)
- Humanities, Arts and Design core courses (HU)
- Social-Behavioral Sciences core courses (SB)
- Natural Sciences core courses (SQ/SG)
- Cultural Diversity in the United States courses (C)
- Global Awareness courses (G)
- Historical Awareness courses (H)

A complete proposal should include:
- Signed course proposal cover form
- Criteria checklist for General Studies designation being requested
- Course catalog description
- Sample syllabus for the course
- Copy of table of contents from the textbook and list of required readings/books

It is respectfully requested that proposals are submitted electronically with all files compiled into one PDF.

Contact information:
Name: Larry Ellis  E-mail: bedwyr@asu.edu  Phone: 480-965-6139

Department Chair/Director approval: (Required)
Chair/Director name (Typed): Krista Ratcliffe  Date: 10 March 2020
Chair/Director (Signature): [Signature]

Rev. 4/2019
Proposer: Please complete the following section and attach appropriate documentation.

### ASU - [HU] CRITERIA

**HUMANITIES, ARTS AND DESIGN [HU] courses must meet either 1, 2 or 3 and at least one of the criteria under 4 in such a way as to make the satisfaction of these criteria A CENTRAL AND SUBSTANTIAL PORTION of the course content.**

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1. Emphasizes the study of values; the development of philosophies, religions, ethics or belief systems; and/or aesthetic experience.

2. Concerns the interpretation, analysis, or creation of written, aural, or visual texts; and/or the historical development of textual traditions.

3. Concerns the interpretation, analysis, or engagement with aesthetic practices; and/or the historical development of artistic or design traditions.

4. In addition, to qualify for the Humanities, Arts and Design designation a course must meet one or more of the following requirements:
   a. Concerns the development of human thought, with emphasis on the analysis of philosophical and/or religious systems of thought.
   b. Concerns aesthetic systems and values, especially in literature, arts, and design.
   c. Emphasizes aesthetic experience and creative process in literature, arts, and design.
   d. Concerns the analysis of literature and the development of literary traditions.

**THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF COURSES ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE [HU] DESIGNATION EVEN THOUGH THEY MIGHT GIVE SOME CONSIDERATION TO THE HUMANITIES, ARTS AND DESIGN:**

- Courses devoted primarily to developing skill in the use of a language.
- Courses devoted primarily to the acquisition of quantitative or experimental methods.
- Courses devoted primarily to teaching skills.
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Explain in detail which student activities correspond to the specific designation criteria. Please use the following organizer to explain how the criteria are being met.

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COURSE GUIDELINES AND SYLLABUS
STUDIES IN FOLKLORE: THE LEGEND
ENG 476
FALL SEMESTER 2018

Instructor: Larry Ellis
Office Hours: Mon 12:30PM-2:30PM
Th 3:15PM-5:15PM
(or by appointment)
Class Room: LL10 (in the basement)
Office: RBH252
(see map in LINKS)

Required Textbooks:

Class Packet (Available at Alphagraphics, 815 West University Drive #101
Tempe, AZ [480] 968-7821)

Line Number: 81806
Time: TTh 1:30PM-2:45PM
Phone: 480-965-6139
EMAIL Address: bedwyr@asu.edu
COURSE GUIDELINES

Description: This class will explore the often misunderstood folk genre of the legend. Legends, highly embellished narratives constructed around a core of factual or believable events, ultimately challenge belief itself in a manner that addresses the needs, concerns, fears, and aspirations of both the teller and the audience. We will analyze historical legends, family legends, supernatural legends, and urban/contemporary legends (among other subgenres) within contexts of history, culture, and spirituality, and employing theories specific to the field of folkloristics.

Attendance: You must attend class on a regular basis to receive credit for this course. There are no excused absences, and I will begin deducting one half letter grade per absence from your final grade after four absences—for example, a person with a final grade of B+ will receive a B if absent for five days, a B- if absent for six days, etc. Even though you are allowed four absences, your Attendance/Participation grade will be affected by how often you attend. A roll sheet will be passed around at the beginning of each class. It is your responsibility to make sure that you sign the roll sheet. If you come in after the roll sheet has made its rounds, you must sign the roll sheet after class if you want to be counted as present—you will be marked late and downgraded accordingly, but you will get credit for attendance for that day.

Note: All electronic gadgets (computers, cell phones, etc.) must be turned off and placed below your desks during class time. This includes E-book readers.

Note: If I haven’t arrived by 15 minutes after the beginning of class, you may assume that class has been cancelled.

Course Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course:

- Students will be conversant with the features and dynamics that define the folk genre of the Legend.
- Students will be familiar with the cultural, spiritual, and historical contexts that inform the tales that we focus on.
- Students will be conversant with how the study of mythopoetics, folkloristics, and other theoretical approaches enhances our understanding of the Legend genre.
- Students will have gained an appreciation of the place of narrative folklore in general and the Legend in particular in the canons of English literature.
Extra Credit: For those of you who exceed the maximum number of absences, you may expunge up to three absences with extra credit assignments that will be posted in the last several weeks of the semester. These will be 300 word essay responses to specific questions. Extra credit applies only to those who exceed the maximum number of absences. Assignments will be graded as pass or fail. To pass, you must get at least a B.

Blackboard: We will be using a Blackboard site for the class, but only for several very basic functions (posting of the class syllabus and assignments, information necessary or useful to your participation in the course, and grades). Papers and the final exam will be posted on the site in the ASSIGNMENTS module. Check the ANNOUNCEMENTS frequently for help in navigating the site, for changes in the syllabus and routine, for the cancellation of classes, and for reminders on assignment postings.

University-Sanctioned Activities: If you think that this course may conflict with a university-sanctioned activity in which you are involved—athletics, etc.—see me and I'll inform you of your options. You should understand that an absence to attend a university-sanctioned activity is under no circumstances an excused absence and will be counted toward your four maximum absences. However, we will have three extra credit assignments that will give you, and other members of the class, the chance to expunge up to three absences.

Papers: You will have two formal papers. Each will be a literary analysis of one or several of the legend narratives on the syllabus. Specific requirements will be posted in the ASSIGNMENTS module of our Blackboard site. Papers not turned in by 11:59PM on the due date listed on the syllabus will be marked late and downgraded one half of a letter grade (that is, a minus point) for each weekday late. Papers more than one week late will not be accepted for credit, except in the most extreme circumstances. You must turn in both papers to pass the class.

Paper Assignment Criteria: Write a literary essay that focuses on the dynamics of the legend in one or more of the works we will be reading/viewing over the course of the semester (Paper #1 will deal with the first half of the semester, Paper #2 with the second half). You may choose your own topic and use the approach of your choice—interpretive analysis, comparison/contrast, explication, or any combination of these—to explore your topic and arrive at your thesis.

Sources/Works Cited: Your paper must have a Works Cited page that contains both the work(s) you're focusing on (We'll call these primary sources) and outside sources that will inform your reading of your primary sources (We'll call these secondary sources). You must use at least three secondary sources. DO NOT USE WIKIPEDIA, STUDY GUIDES (E.G., SPARKNOTES, CLIFFNOTES, SCHMOOP), CLASS LECTURES, CLASS DISCUSSIONS, ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES, DICTIONARY DEFINITIONS, OR OTHER WORKS OF
FICTION (NOVELS, SHORT STORIES, POEMS) FOR YOUR THREE REQUIRED SECONDARY SOURCES.

Format: Format your papers (Margins, spacing, heading, etc.) according to MLA guidelines. Check the OWL Purdue site in MODULES for help on your paper. This will be especially useful for MLA in-text citation and Works Cited page guidelines.

Advice: Write clearly, with close attention to grammar and spelling; Focus your paper upon the development of a clearly stated thesis (this can be done either in your introduction or conclusion); Bring in specific examples from your primary text to back up your points (paraphrase these in most cases); Remember that your main body should be the majority of your paper, so keep your intro and conclusion relatively short.

Examinations: You will have an online final exam at the end of the semester. Your responses will be in the form of two essays, one long essay and one short essay. You must take the examination to pass the class.

Grade Distribution:
- Paper #1: 35%
- Paper #2: 35%
- Final Exam: 20%
- Attendance/Participation: 10%

Grading: Letter grades on individual assignment are computed according to the following scale:

A=4.0    A-=3.7    B+=3.3    B=3.0    B-=2.7    C+=2.3    C=2.0
C-=1.7    D+=1.3    D=1.0    D-=.7    E=.3

No Work=0

The following grade scale is used to determine your final grade. Note that your final grade will be calculated and recorded as a straight letter grade (in other words, no plus/minus):

A=3.5-4.0    B=2.5-3.49    C=1.5-2.49    D=.5-1.49    E=.49 and below

Academic Integrity: Academic honesty is expected of all students in all examinations, papers, laboratory work, academic transactions and records. The possible sanctions include, but are not limited to, appropriate grade
penalties, course failure (indicated on the transcript as a grade of E), course failure due to academic dishonesty (indicated on the transcript as a grade of XE), loss of registration privileges, disqualification and dismissal. For more information, see http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity.

Incompletes: Incompletes are granted only to students who have completed more than ½ the work of the course, who have a passing grade, and who cannot complete the course due to serious and unavoidable circumstances.

Disability Accommodations: Qualified students with disabilities who will require disability accommodations in this class are encouraged to make their requests to me at the beginning of the semester either during office hours or by appointment. Note: Prior to receiving disability accommodations, verification of eligibility from the Disability Resource Center (DRC) is required. Disability information is confidential.

Establishing Eligibility for Disability Accommodations: Students who feel they will need disability accommodations in this class but have not registered with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) should contact DRC immediately. Students should contact the Disability Resource Center on the campus that your class is being held. Campus-specific location and contact information can be found on the DRC website. DRC offices are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday. Check the DRC website for eligibility and documentation policies.

Important Dates:

Drop/Add Period Deadline: 22 August
Course Withdrawal Deadline: 31 October
Complete Withdrawal Deadline: 30 November

SYLLABUS

Assigned readings, exams, and written assignments are due the dates on which they are listed. Assignments may be altered over the course of the semester. Any changes will be announced in class and on Blackboard in advance of original due dates, and it is your responsibility to keep up with them. Readings
from the packet are listed by description or title, followed by the word Packet and the page numbers in the packet.

Week 1

Thursday, 16 August: Introduction to Class

Week 2

Tuesday, 21 August: Read "Is there a Definition for the Legend?" (Packet 1-36)

Thursday, 23 August: Read "Is there a Definition for the Legend?" (Packet 36-75)

Week 3

Tuesday, 28 August: Read "Legend as Text in Context" (Packet 76-79)
Read "Legend Tellers" (Packet 80-106)

Thursday, 30 August: Read "The Landscape and Climate of the Legend" (Packet 107-138)

Week 4

Tuesday, 4 September: Read "The Landscape and Climate of the Legend" (Packet 138-158)
Read "Interpreting Urban Legends" (Packet 159-174)

Thursday, 6 September: Read "Elvis Alive?" (Packet 260-269)

Week 5

Tuesday, 11 September: View Film: Bubbahotep

Thursday, 13 September: View Film: Bubbahotep

Week 6

Tuesday, 18 September: Read "Psychic Ambiguity at the Legend Core" (Packet 198-219)
Read "Legend: Performance and Truth" (Packet 175-197)

Thursday, 20 September: Read "Legend Trips and Satanism" (Packet 220-239)

Week 7

Tuesday, 25 September: Read "The Vaginal Serpent" (Packet 240-259)
Thursday, 27 September: Read "Lightning Blast Your Crops" (270-281)
Read "Knock Knock" (Packet 282-294)

**Week 8**
Tuesday, 2 October: Read "Letters from the Dead" (Packet 295-304)
Read "Northern Ghosts" (Packet 305-318)

Thursday, 4 October: Read Medieval Legends (Packet 319-346)
**PAPER #1 DUE**

**Week 9**
Tuesday, 9 October: **FALL BREAK**

Thursday, 11 October: View Film: Gothic

**Week 10**
Tuesday, 16 October: View Film: Gothic

Thursday, 18 October: **CLASS CANCELLED**

**Week 11**
Tuesday, 23 October:

Thursday, 25 October: Finish Medieval Icelandic Ghost Stories
Read "Welsh Ghostlore" (Packet 347-370)
Listen to Legendary Ballads

**Week 12**
Tuesday, 30 October: Read "Ghost Stories from the American South"
(Packet 371-405)

Thursday, 1 November: Read "Curses! Broiled Again!" (Packet 407-441)

**Week 13**
Tuesday, 6 November: Read "Curses! Broiled Again!" (Packet 442-464)

Thursday, 8 November: Read "Classic Automobile Legends" (Packet 465-492)
Read "The Hook" (Packet 493-519)

**Week 14**
Tuesday, 13 November: Read "The Legend" (Packet 520-527)
Read "Davy Crockett" (*Packet* 528-551)

Thursday, 15 November: Read "Davy Crockett" (*Packet* 552-584)

**Week 15**

Tuesday, 20 November: View Film: *The Long Riders*

Thursday, 22 November: **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

**Week 16**

Tuesday, 27 November: View Film: *The Long Riders*

**PAPER #2 DUE**

Thursday, 29 November: Read "Joaquin Murrieta" (*Packet* 586-606)
ENG476/Topic: The Legend/Larry Ellis

Course Description/Course Catalog: Surveys the history, genres, and dynamics of folklore, with emphasis on oral traditions. May be repeated for credit when topics vary.

Required Readings, Viewings, Listenings

Readings (Essays, Story Collections, published in a class packet):

- "Is there a Definition for the Legend?"
- "Legend as Text in Context"
- "Legend Tellers"
- "The Landscape and Climate of the Legend"
- "Interpreting Urban Legends"
- "Elvis Alive?"
- "Psychic Ambiguity at the Legend Core"
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- "Lightning Blast Your Crops"
- "Knock Knock"
- "Letters from the Dead"
- "Northern Ghosts"
- Collection of Medieval Ghost Stories
- "Welsh Ghostlore"
- "Ghost Stories from the American South"
- "Curses! Broiled Again!"
- "Classic Automobile Legends"
- "The Hook"
- Selections from the Davy Crockett Almanacs
- The Life and Times of Joaquin Murrieta

Other Assignments:

- BubbaHoTeP (film)
- Gothic (film)
- The Long Riders (film)
- Legendary Ballads (audio)