This course focuses on the mythology of the Germanic tribes during the 8th-14th centuries. Each piece of literature reflects a unique culture and society of the time and these will be compared and contrasted. Some elements of these societies have kept a presence in the modern world in the judicial system, rhetoric patterns and seasonal patterns. The course will also provide modern interpretations of the stories as well as how they would have been understood in their original context.

A highly unique class that would be great for students interested in medieval mythology, sociological studies, religious studies, Germanic cultures, and human behavior and psychology.

GE (Old): AH & WE / GE (New): AH, WC & WE

Primary texts will be Beowulf, Gods and Myths of Northern Europe, The Prose Edda and The Saga of the Volsungs.