# Modern Languages & Literature (MLL)

**Courses**

**MLL 006 (GS 006) Globalization and Cultures 4 Credits**
The course is a reflection on the processes of globalization and their consequences, both good and bad, on the world's societies and on our concepts of culture and identity. It provides a multidisciplinary examination of what cultures gain and lose from their interaction with the rest of the world and what it means to be a citizen of a globalized yet diverse world.  
*Attribute/Distribution: HU*

**MLL 027 Russian Classics 4 Credits**
Russian classics in translation.  
*Attribute/Distribution: HU*

**MLL 051 Contemporary Hispanic-American Literature 4 Credits**
Reading and discussion of distinguished Latin American writers: Borges, García Márquez, Cortázar, and Vargas Llosa.  
*Attribute/Distribution: HU*

**MLL 053 This Hispanic World and Its Culture 4 Credits**
Characteristics and values of the people of Spain and Latin America in literary works and other material. Hispanic cultural contributions to Western civilization.  
*Attribute/Distribution: HU*

**MLL 068 (ASIA 068) Japanese Language: Past and Present 4 Credits**
Historical and contemporary aspects of the Japanese language, including the origins of Japanese in relation to Korean, the influence of Chinese, syntactic features which reflect the hierarchical character of Japanese society, differences in female and male speech, and use of foreign loan words.  
*Prerequisites: JPNS 001  
Attribute/Distribution: HU*

**MLL 073 (ASIA 073, GCP 073, WGSS 073) Film, Fiction, and Gender in Modern China 4 Credits**
Study of the struggle for an individual "modern" identity out of traditionally defined roles for men and women as depicted by Chinese writers and filmmakers. Class, texts, and films in English. Students interested in setting up a corollary Chinese language component for credit as CHIN 371 or 251, may discuss this with the professor.  
*Attribute/Distribution: HU*

**MLL 074 (ASIA 074) Chinese Cultural Program 1-8 Credits**
A summer program in China, taught in English.  
*Attribute/Distribution: HU*

**MLL 075 (ASIA 075, HIST 075) Chinese Civilization 4 Credits**
The development of traditional Chinese thought, beliefs, technology, and institutions from a historical perspective.  
*Attribute/Distribution: HU, SS*

**MLL 076 (ASIA 076, HIST 076) Understanding Contemporary China 4 Credits**
An overview of recent history, politics, economy, religion, problems of modernization, popular culture. Contemporary Chinese society viewed against the backdrop of tradition and the tumultuous history of twentieth-century China.  
*Attribute/Distribution: SS*

**MLL 078 (ASIA 078) Asian-American Studies 4 Credits**
A survey of issues concerning Asians living in the United States from the perspectives of history, language, literature, and film.  
*Attribute/Distribution: HU*

**MLL 099 Modern Languages & Literature Special Topics 1-6 Credits**

**MLL 100 Introduction to International Film 4 Credits**
An introduction to international film traditions and theory. We look at the importance of cinema as both art and entertainment and consider the social, political, and economic role of film in national and global contexts.  
*Attribute/Distribution: HU*

**MLL 124 Negotiating Across Cultures 4 Credits**
The world is shrinking! Yet as geographical distances between peoples collapse, our misunderstandings seem to expand. Explore difference, erode barriers, and learn tactics for successfully bridging cultural gaps. Learn the ins-and-outs of cross-cultural communication from specialists in all walks of life and from a diverse array of sources. (H/S).

**MLL 125 (ASIA 125) Immortal Images: Traditional Chinese Literature in Translation 4 Credits**
Explore age-old themes in literature as diverse as pre-modern novels, ghost stories, poetry, divination manuals, and medical texts. Students interested in setting up a corollary Chinese language component for credit as CHIN 371 or 251, may discuss this with the professor.  
*Attribute/Distribution: HU*

**MLL 127 (ASIA 127) ORIENTations: Approaches to Modern Asia 4 Credits**
An introduction to East, Southeast, and South Asia at the beginning of the 21st century. How is globalization transforming Asian societies? How are Asians represented (or misrepresented) in the West? How do Asian peoples view Western influences on them? What distinguishes our perspectives on politics, individual liberty, civic responsibility, religious faith and practice, work, etc? How is the trend toward globalization in the coming “Asian Century” likely to be affected by the growing assertiveness of nations like China and India? (H/S).

**MLL 128 (GS 128) World Stories Literary Expressions Globalization 4 Credits**
An introduction to fiction as it reflects and discusses major issues related to globalization. The readings will include a selection of fiction from a diversity of world regions and will introduce the students to a theoretical reflection on the role of literary writing in a globalizing world. Students will be able to gain appreciation for the written fictional text as it takes on a diversity of issues related to globalization in a variety of work regions and cultural perspectives.

**MLL 133 (AAS 133, FREN 133, HIST 133, LAS 133, POLS 133) Lehigh in Martinique: Globalization and Local Identity 3,4 Credits**
History, culture, and politics of the French Caribbean island of Martinique, from its position as a key site of the 18th century Atlantic world economy to becoming an official French department and outpost of the European Union. Interdisciplinary perspectives on the complex nature of social identity, historical memory, and impact of globalization. No French is required. Offered during winter inter-term through Lehigh Study Abroad.  
*Attribute/Distribution: HU*

**MLL 140 (ANTH 140, COGS 140) Introduction to Linguistics 4 Credits**
Relationship between language and mind; formal properties of language; language and society; how languages change over time. May not be taken pass/fail.  
*Attribute/Distribution: SS*

**MLL 165 (ASIA 165) Love and Revolution in Shanghai 4 Credits**
Project-based course examines human relationships and political-economic changes in Shanghai through the lens of literature, film, and a selection of other readings. Discussion of conflicts between and influences of pre-communist, communist, and capitalist systems as played out in the Shanghai urban arena.  
*Attribute/Distribution: HU*

**MLL 177 (ASIA 177) China Enters the Modern Age 4 Credits**
The collapse of the imperial order and China’s agonizing transformation into a modern nation-state over the past 150 years. The impact of imperialism, war, radical social change, and protracted revolution on Chinese traditions, values, and institutions.  
*Attribute/Distribution: HU, SS*
MLL 199 Modern Languages & Literature Special Topics 1-4 Credits

MLL 211 German Drama 4 Credits
Drama as a literary genre; plays from various periods of German literature.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

MLL 218 (GERM 218) Goethe's "Faust" 4 Credits
Study of Goethe's play with an introduction to the Faust tradition and Faustian themes in modern literature.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

MLL 231 (GCP 231, GERM 231) New German Cinema 4 Credits
Viewing, discussion, and written analysis of selected German films.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

MLL 260 (GERM 260) Multicultural Germany 4 Credits
A look at Germany from the perspective of its "others"--the immigrants. Literary and cultural texts, and films on ethnic diversity and integration.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

MLL 299 Modern Languages & Literature Special Topics 1-6 Credits

MLL 300 Apprentice Teaching 1-4 Credits

MLL 303 (GCP 303, GERM 303, WGSS 303) Grimms' Fairy Tales: Folklore, Feminism, Film 4 Credits
This intercultural history of the Grimms' fairy tales investigates how folktale types and gender stereotypes developed and became models for children and adults. The course covers the literary fairy tale in Germany as well as Europe and America. Versions of "Little Red Riding Hood", "Cinderella", or "Sleeping Beauty" exist not only in the Grimms' collection but in films and many forms of world literature. Modern authors have rewritten fairy tales in feminist ways, promoting social change. Taught in English. German language students may receive a German component.
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MLL 321 (GS 321) Intercultural Communication 4 Credits
Language is ambiguous by nature and discourse is interpreted in cultural and linguistic contexts. This course covers different cultural and linguistic strategies individuals use to communicate with each other, essential concepts for interacting with individuals from other cultural and linguistic backgrounds, and different strategies of communication as defined by specific cultures. Covering the theory and practice of intercultural interaction, this course examines assumptions about language and culture, and includes practical advice to help students develop the cultural sensitivity essential for communication today.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

MLL 326 Modernity in the Maghreb 4 Credits
The emergence of the modern self through a comparative study of textual as well as visual representations of post colonial subjects by male and female writers and film makers. How the sociopolitical context of countries such as Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia informs the constitution of subjectivity within a multicultural and multilingual community. Issues of patriarchy, nationalism, colonialism, post colonialism, identity, gender and religion in North African literature and film from Franco-Arab Traditions Taught in French.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

MLL 399 Modern Languages & Literature Special Topics 1-6 Credits

MLL 403 (WGSS 403) Grimms' Fairy Tales: Folklore, Feminism, Film 3 Credits
This intercultural history of the Grimms' fairy tales investigates how folktale types and gender stereotypes developed and became models for children and adults. The course covers the literary fairy tale in Germany as well as Europe and America. Versions of "Little Red Riding Hood", "Cinderella", or "Sleeping Beauty" exist not only in the Grimms' collection but in films and many forms of world literature. Modern authors have rewritten fairy tales in feminist ways, promoting social change. Taught in English. German language students may receive a German component.