

GRS 316: Ancient Romance, Fantasy, and Science Fiction

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Did you know that romance, fantasy, and science fiction novels survive from Greek and Roman antiquity? Spicy romance, pirates, witches, magic, shape-shifting, alien lifeforms, undersea voyages, a trip to the moon, interplanetary warfare—ancient novels are endlessly surprising! Explore the fantastical worlds of ancient fiction in GRS 316.

Learning Outcomes:

- learn about novels from Greek and Roman antiquity
- examine the generic conventions of ancient prose fiction
- explore the fictional worlds of the Greek and Roman novel
- explore gender and sexuality in ancient romances

No prerequisites. GRS 101 or GRS 102 recommended.

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