

Folklore

Overview

The Folklore Program trains intellectual leaders in folkloristics for the twenty-first century. The program seeks to provide a deep, critical, and theoretically-informed reading of folklore scholarship from the seventeenth century through the present. Students are urged to develop a particular field of expertise in folkloristics. At the same time, graduate students are advised to develop a strong grounding in another discipline or a multidisciplinary perspective, such as race and ethnic studies, performance studies, science studies, rhetoric, narrative theory, ethnomusicology, materiality, women's and queer theory, or others in order to bring new perspectives into folkloristics work.

The program is truly international in scope, seeking to challenge the Eurocentric roots of folkloristics by bringing in critiques and alternatives from outside the Euro-American orbit, particularly through study with leading folklorists from around the world who come to Berkeley each year as visiting faculty members.

Undergraduate Program

There is no undergraduate program in Folklore.

Graduate Programs

Folklore (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2015-16/graduate/degree-programs/folklore>) : MA

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FOLKLOR C261 Theories of Narrative 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2012, Spring 2011, Summer 2006 10 Week Session, Spring 2006

This course examines a broad range of theories that elucidate the formal, structural, and contextual properties of narratives in relation to gestures, the body, and emotion; imagination and fantasy; memory and the senses; space and time. It focuses on narratives at work, on the move, in action as they emerge from the matrix of the everyday preeminently, storytelling in conversation--as key to folk genres--the folktale, the legend, the epic, the myth.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: ANTHRO C261

FOLKLOR C262A Theories of Traditionality and Modernity 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015

This seminar explores the emergence of notions of tradition and modernity and their reproduction in Eurocentric epistemologies and political formations. It uses work by such authors as Anderson, Butler, Chakrabarty, Clifford, Derrida, Foucault, Latour, Mignolo, Pateman, and Poovey to critically reread foundational works published between the 17th century and the present--along with philosophical texts with which they are in dialogue--in terms of how they are imbricated within and help produce traditionalities and modernities.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with different topic and different instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: ANTHRO C262A

FOLKLOR C262B Theories of Traditionality and Modernity 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015

This seminar explores the emergence of notions of tradition and modernity and their reproduction in Eurocentric epistemologies and political formations. It uses work by such authors as Anderson, Butler, Chakrabarty, Clifford, Derrida, Foucault, Latour, Mignolo, Pateman, and Poovey to critically reread foundational works published between the 17th century and the present--along with philosophical texts with which they are in dialogue--in terms of how they are imbricated within and help produce traditionalities and modernities.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with different topic and different instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: ANTHRO C262B

FOLKLOR 298 Readings in Folklore 3 - 6 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

FOLKLOR 299 Directed Research 3 - 6 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-6 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5-15 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 5.5-11 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Folklore/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.