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1. **Course Number:** ENL218  
**Course Title:** The Arthurian Legend
2. **Description:** This course focuses on the origins, development, structure, and meaning of the Arthurian legend. Students will read, discuss, and write about seminal Arthurian texts, and explore connections to mythology, Celtic culture, and European history.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:
  - Write about the historical and cultural contexts within which the Arthurian Legend developed
  - Recognize and write about the similarities, differences, and relationships among the main characters of the Arthurian Legend
  - Recognize and write about the meaning and significance of symbolism found in the Arthurian Legend
  - Locate on a map the main geographical features of England, Scotland, and Wales that are strongly associated with the Arthurian Legend
  - Recognize and write about the main themes expressed within the Arthurian Legend
  - Locate, read, and write about secondary source materials related to the Arthurian Legend
4. **Credits:** 3 credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** No
6. **Prerequisite:** ENL102
7. **Semester Offered:** Spring (odd years)
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Students will be evaluated on the following bases: quality of written assignments, scores on tests measuring content and concept attainment, completion of interactive classroom activities, and the quality of participation in class discussion.
9. **General Topical Outline:** The focal point of the course is Malory's Morte D'Arthur. Students may also read Geoffrey of Monmouth, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, Tennyson's Idylls of the King, and T.H. White's The Once and Future King. Other Arthurian texts may be read as the bases for essays and research papers.