Courage was widely viewed as a virtue in ancient Greece. Even today it remains a laudable quality to which people tend to aspire. But what does courage consist in? Is it a matter of overcoming fear? Or, instead, does it involve not feeling fear where most others do? Are there cases of courage which involve no fear whatsoever? Are there common personality traits exhibited by the courageous? If so, what are they? These and other questions related to the nature, acquisition, and psychological underpinnings of courage will be examined in this class. The readings will draw from a mix of ancient and contemporary sources, both philosophical and psychological. This is a writing intensive course, and so students' final grades will largely be determined by their performance on three paper assignments. The assignments are designed so that each paper is written following the stages of planning, prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing. In addition to becoming better writers I hope that students will walk away with a deeper appreciation of the nature and value of courage.