

HACETTEPE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF LETTERS
Department of English Language and Literature

Title of the Course : IED 142-02 Classical Literature
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Year and Term : 2010-2011 Spring
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I. **Aim and Contents:** The main aim of this Course is to introduce the students to the major genres of classical literature through a survey of classical Greek and Roman literature. The epic, tragedy, and comedy will especially be emphasized as it is essential to study these for a better understanding and appreciation of British literature

II. **COURSE OUTLINE**

Week I-II-III: General Introduction: The major characteristics of classical Greek Literature

Week IV-V- VI: Classical Epic- Homer- *The Odyssey*

Week VII: Greek Comedy- Aristophanes -*Lysistrata*

Week VIII: Midterm I

Week IX-X: Greek Tragedy-Sophocles- Oedipus the King

Week XI- XII: Roman Tragedy-Seneca *Theyestes*

Week XIII: Midterm II

Week XIV: Roman Comedy-Plautus- *The Pot of Gold*

III. **Text Books:** There is no set book for the course. The students are responsible for obtaining the Xerox copies of the assigned materials.

IV. **Method of Instruction:** The students are expected to read the assigned materials beforehand since the Course will mainly be based on discussions and lecturing done in the class. The first two weeks of the Course will be introductory lessons. Then, it will turn to student-oriented one in which they will be responsible to read the given material. There will be two midterm examinations to be graded together with the class participation and the final exam.

V. **Requirements:** Attendance is compulsory. More than 11 hrs of absence will result in F1. Since the Course will be student-centered, the students are expected to come to class having read the assigned material.

VI. Assessment: There will be two mid-term examinations and a final. The class participation of the students together with the midterm examinations will constitute 70% of the total assessment:

Midterms 40%
Class Participation 20%
and study questions.
Final 40%

In the grading of all written and oral work 25% of the total mark will be taken off for the use of English and grammatical mistakes. It should be noted that the students who will not get 50 points in the final examination will fail the course, no matter how high the midterm marks are.

VII. Supplementary Reading : is necessary. Beytepe Library and Bilkent Library will be of use for the list of given reference books below:

Baldry, H.C. *Ancient Greek Literature*.
Bowra, C.M. *Ancient Greek Literature*.
Levi, Peter. *The Pelican History of Greek Literature*.
Sinclair, T.A. *A History of Greek Literature*.
Hainsworth, J.B. *The Idea of Epic*.