

HACETTEPE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF LETTERS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

SYLLABUS

Title of the Course	142 (01) Classical Literature
Instructor	Asst. Prof. Dr. Şebnem KAYA
Year and Term	2011-2012 Spring
Class Hours	Friday, 11:00-13:45
Classroom	B2/205

Aim: The objective of this course is to introduce students to the major genres of classical literature through a survey of classical Greek and Roman literature with special emphasis on the epic, tragedy, and comedy.

Course Outline:

Week I	General background
Week II	The characteristics of classical Greek literature
Week III-V	The epic Homer, <i>The Odyssey</i>
Week VI	March 23, 2012, Midterm I
Week VII-VIII	Greek tragedy, Sophocles, <i>Oedipus the King</i>
Week IX-X	Greek comedy Aristophanes, <i>Lysistrata</i>
Week XI	April 27, 2012, Midterm II
Week XII-XIII	Roman tragedy Seneca, <i>Thyestes</i>
Week XIV	Roman comedy Plautus, <i>Pot of Gold</i>

Textbook: There is no set textbook for this course. Students themselves are responsible for obtaining the texts of the works stated in the course outline.

Method of Instruction: Lessons will consist of lectures, student presentations, and in-class discussions.

Requirements:

- Class attendance is necessary; therefore, more than eleven hours of absence will result in F1.
- Since contribution in class discussions is essential, students are expected to attend the classes having read the texts.
- Students are expected to make three- to five-minute presentations on the plays stated in the course outline, either individually or in groups.
- Students are to make ample use of the library and read secondary sources on the plays which will be explored in this course.

Assessment: There will be two midterm examinations, a presentation, and a final examination. The evaluation of students' academic work will be based on:

Presentation and class participation	10 %
Midterm examinations	40 %
Final examination	50 %

It should be especially noted that those who will not be able to take 50 points (out of 100) in the final examination will fail the course. Moreover, students' English will definitely be taken into consideration in the grading of examination papers, and up to 25 % of the total mark will be taken off for grammatical and writing mistakes.