

Hacettepe University
Faculty of Letters
Department of English Language and Literature

SYLLABUS

Title of the Course: IED 146 (02) Native Sources of English Literature
Course Credits: 3 (national), 5 ECTS
Course Status: Required
Semester: Spring 2015
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Class Schedule: Thur. 13:00 – 15:50, Room: B2/204
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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION (Aim and Content):

The course aims to offer a comprehensive knowledge of the oldest myths and legends of the British Isles that are essential for a better understanding and appreciation of the history, culture and literature of Britain.

II. COURSE OUTLINE

Week I (Feb. 19) Introduction
Week II (Feb. 26) History of the Celts, social and historical background
Week III (Mar. 05) Celtic myths, Cosmogony, Gods and Goddesses
Week IV (Mar. 12) Celtic Heroes
Week V (Mar. 19) Arthurian Legend
Week VI (Mar. 26) MIDTERM I
Week VII (Apr. 02) The Vikings, Norse myths
Week VIII (Apr. 09) Social and historical background, general characteristics of Norse myths
Week IX (Apr. 16) Cosmogony in Norse mythology
Week X (Apr. 23) Official holiday, no class.
Week XI (Apr. 30) Gods and Goddesses in Norse mythology
Week XII (May 07) Bible, general background, Judaism, Old Testament
Week XIII (May 14) MIDTERM II
Week XIV (May 21) Christianity, New Testament

III. METHOD OF INSTRUCTION: Lectures and class discussions, intensively supported with audio-visual material.

IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND STUDENT CONDUCT: Class attendance is obligatory and failure to attend one-third or more of the class hours will result in an F1. “No shows” on exam days will not be compensated for by assignment of extra work, so do not ask for it. If a student has documented excuse accepted by the Faculty Academic Board in accordance with University Regulations, a make-up exam will be given. Questions, discussion, and disagreement are all encouraged in this class. However, any kind of disruptive behavior will never be tolerated.

Likewise, academic dishonesty of any kind will not be tolerated. This includes all forms of plagiarism, cheating on assignments or exams, turning in work that has been written partially or entirely by someone else (this includes websites), failing to appropriately represent and document sources, fabricating information or citations, or helping another student commit an act of academic dishonesty.

V. ASSESSMENT: There will be two midterm examinations (20% each), and a final exam (50%). Class participation will make up 10% of the end-of-semester grade. For a passing grade, students must get at least 50 out of 100 in the final exam. Up to 20% of the total score in each exam will be deducted for poor English (e.g. bad grammar, worse spelling, etc.).

VI. REQUIRED TEXTS: There is no textbook for this course. Necessary reading material will be provided by the instructor, to be photocopied by students.

VII. SUGGESTED READING:

Sources at Beytepe Central Library

Stewart, R.J. *Celtic Myths, Celtic Legends*

Henig, Martin. *Religion in Roman Britain*

Hamilton, Edith. *Mythology* (Part Seven “The Mythology of the Norsemen”)

Hasting, James. *Dictionary of the Bible*

Cohn-Sherbok, Lavinia. *Who's Who in Christianity*

Schalit, Abraham, et al. *The Crucible of Christianity: Judaism, Hellenism and the Historical Background to the Christian Faith*