

Core IV

European Classical Literature

Course Objectives

- The objective of this course is to introduce the students to European Classical literature, commonly considered to have begun in the 8th century BC in ancient Greece and continued until the decline of the Roman Empire in the 5th century AD.
- It seeks to acquaint the students with the origins of the European canon.
- It aims to provide a historical overview of classical antiquity like ancient Greece, the rise and decline of the Roman Empire
- It will lead to a discussion on the cultural history of the Greco-Roman world centered on the Mediterranean Sea.

Unit-1

Homer *Odyssey* (Book I)

Unit-2

Sophocles *Oedipus the King*

Unit-3

Aristophane's *Frogs*

Unit-4

Longinus *On the Sublime*, Chapter 7, 39

Prescribed Texts

All the texts are available for access on Project Gutenberg. <https://www.gutenberg.org>
And in Internet Archive at www.archive.org with the same titles. Students may be encouraged to browse the sites.

Suggested Readings

- ✓ European Classical Literature by Amit Ganguly and Jay Bansal
- ✓ Hand Book On European Classical Literature by Biplab Banerjee
- ✓ Mimesis: The Representation of Reality in Western Literature by Erich Auerbach. USA: Princeton University Press. 2013.
- ✓ Ancient Greek Literature and Society by Charles Rowan Beye, Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press. 1987