

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
26EN608	CLASSICAL LITERATURE	04

Course Objectives

- Introduce students to foundational texts and authors of Western classical literature.
- Develop understanding of literary genres such as epic, tragedy, comedy, satire, and lyric poetry.
- Explain key literary concepts including mimesis, catharsis, and mythological frameworks.
- Foster critical reading, interpretive, and analytical skills through engagement with classical texts.
- Examine the cultural, historical, and philosophical contexts of classical works..

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course it is intended that a student will be able to:

- Identify and contextualize major classical authors and works in Western literature.
 - Distinguish between classical and canonical texts and understand their relevance over centuries.
 - Analyze epic, tragic, comic, satirical, and lyric texts for themes, literary devices, and structure.
 - Interpret and apply concepts of Greek and Norse mythology to literature.
 - Explain the principles of mimesis and catharsis and their role in drama.
- Develop critical thinking and textual analysis skills for both academic and creative applications

Unit 1 – Key Concepts (12 Hrs.)

Difference Between Classic and Classical, Myths and Mythology

Understanding different Mythology: Norse Mythology, Greek Mythology

Mimesis & Catharsis

Unit 2 – Western Classics (12 Hrs.)

Telemachy (Books 1–4) Excerpts from Homer’s *The Odyssey*.

Dante Alighieri: *Inferno*

“Voluspa” *Poetic Edda* translated by Carolyne Larrington

Unit 3 - Indian Classics (12 Hrs.)

R.K. Narayanan: *The Ramayana*

Ilango Adigal: *Cilappatikaram: The Tale Of An Anklet* “Prologue & Canto-I”(Translated By Parthasarathy)

Unit 4 – Biblical Narrative (12 Hrs.)

Parables : A) The Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37)

B) The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

“Book Of Job”

Unit 5 - Asian Classics (12 Hrs.)

Murasaki: *The Tale of Genji* (Japan)

The Epic of Gilgamesh

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COs and Bloom's Taxonomy Mapping – 26EN608

Course Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students will be able to	BTL
CO1	Recall and understand the origin and diverse literary culture, iconic works, and authors of classical literature worldwide.	K1, K2
CO2	Apply knowledge of classical texts to connect universal themes, motifs, and human experiences across global literary traditions.	K3
CO3	Analyze classical literary texts through close reading, honing critical thinking and analytical writing skills via emphasis on famous works.	K4
CO4	Evaluate the enduring historical, cultural, and ethical significance of classical literature in shaping global human understanding.	K5
CO5	Create an original interpretive project (e.g., modern adaptation, comparative essay, or multimedia narrative) that revives classical motifs in a contemporary context.	K6

BTL K1 and K2 – remembering and understanding, K3- Applying, K4 – Analyse, K5- Evaluate and K6- Create

Relationship Matrix – 26EN608

Course Outcomes	Programme Outcomes (POs)						Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs)						Mean Score of Cos
	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6	
CO1	3	3	3	2	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	2	2.5
CO2	3	3	3	3	2	1	2	3	3	2	2	1	2.3
CO3	3	3	3	3	2	1	2	3	3	2	2	1	2.3
CO4	2	3	2	2	1	1	3	3	3	2	2	1	2.0
CO5	2	3	2	3	2	1	3	3	2	2	1	1	2.0
Total													2.22

Mean Score: 3- High, 2- Medium/Moderate, 1-Low

