

Hacettepe University  
Faculty of Letters  
Department of English Language and Literature

## SYLLABUS

Title of the Course: IED 146 (03) Native Sources of English Literature  
Course Credits: 3 (national), 5 ECTS  
Course Status: Required  
Semester: Spring 2017  
Instructor: Dr. Sinan Akıllı  
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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. 15) Introduction  
Week II (Feb. 22) History of the Celts, social and historical background  
Week III (Mar. 01) Celtic myths, Cosmogony, Gods and Goddesses  
Week IV (Mar. 08) Celtic Heroes  
Week V (Mar. 15) Arthurian Legend  
Week VI (Mar. 22) MIDTERM I  
Week VII (Mar. 29) The Vikings, Norse myths  
Week VIII (Apr. 05) Social and historical background, general characteristics of Norse myths  
Week IX (Apr. 12) Cosmogony in Norse mythology  
Week X (Apr. 19) Gods and Goddesses in Norse mythology  
Week XI (April 26) MIDTERM II  
Week XII (May 03) Bible, general background, Judaism, Old Testament  
Week XIII (May 10) Christianity, New Testament  
Week XIV (May 17) 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 10% 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*