

**Course Code:** WCCU E1015  
**Title:** Greek and Roman Epic

**Pre Requisites:**

General requirements for entrance an external student of the Kelaniya University.

**Aims and Objectives:**

The main objective of this course will be to provide the students the historical, social and literary background of the epics and the society reflected in them. The study of the civilizations will provide the background to this course.

**Learning Outcome:**

By the end of this course the students will be able to identify

- a. The Epics
- b. Its evolution

and c. Its Society and background

**Course Content:**

Greek Heroic Epics  
Homer - The Illiad Books 1-5 and 20-24  
The Odyssey Books 1, 5-11, 21, 22  
Apollonius - The Voyage of Argo  
Roman Heroic epics  
Virgil - the Aeneid Books 16

**Method of teaching and learning:**

Reading of the Texts and critical analysis.

**Scheme of Evaluation:**

Year end examinations.

**Recommended Reading:**

Finely M.I. (1977). *The World of Odysseus*. London: Chatto and Windus.  
Kirk G.S. (1965). *Homer and The Epic*. London: Cambridge university Press.  
Webster. (1964). *From Mycenae to Homer*. Cambridge University Press, London.