

**School of Undergraduate Studies**

**Ambedkar University Delhi**

**Course Outline**

**Time Slot-Monday: 2:45-4:45, Wed: 11-1**

**Course Code:** SUS1EN245

**Title:** Tragedy Down the Ages

**Type of Course:** Elective

**Cohort for which it is compulsory:**

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**No of Credits:** 4

**Semester and Year Offered:** 5th Semester (Monsoon Semester 2018)

**Course Coordinator and Team:** Sanju Thomas

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**Pre-requisites:** None

**Aim:** Tragedy as a form of drama has managed to survive through centuries though from ancient to modern times, it has undergone various changes. An undergraduate course on tragedy would involve reading representative texts from the ancient to modern times depicting different situations, leading to the same effect. A comparison of the different texts will highlight the variations that have come over the genre, and their underlying similarities. The course will also very broadly outline Sanskrit and Greek theatre, drama in the age of Renaissance and American drama.

**Brief description of modules/ Main modules:**

**1. Introduction:**

Aristotle. *Poetics*. OUP, 2013. (Excerpts)

Miller, Arthur. "*Tragedy and the Common Man*." The Theatre Essays of Arthur Miller.

Viking Press. 1977.

Steiner, George. *The Death of Tragedy*. Oxford University Press, 1980. (Excerpts)

**2. Greek Tragedy:**

Sophocles. "Oedipus Rex." *The Theban Plays*. Penguin Books, 1947.

**3. Sanskrit Drama**

Bhasa. "Urubhangam." *The Shattered Thigh and Other Plays*. Penguin Books, 1993.

**4. Renaissance Tragedy**

Marlowe, Christopher. *Dr Faustus*. Dover Publications. 1994.

**5. Modern Tragedy**

Ibsen, Henrik. *A Doll's House*. Dover Publications. 1992.

Miller, Arthur. "Death of a Salesman." *Arthur Miller's Collected Plays*.

Allied Publishers Private Limited. 1973

**Assessment Details with weights:**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Date/period in which Assessment will take place</b>	<b>Weightage</b>
1	Mid Semester Exam	As per academic calendar	30%
2	*Presentations	Mid September – Mid november	30%
3	End Semester Exam	As per academic calendar	40%

\*Long list for presentation will be provided in class.