**Module: Drama**

**3rd Year English**

***Julius Caesar***

William Shakespeare

“Rome, thou hast lost the breed of noble bloods!”

Cassius, Act 1, Scene2

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**Course Description:**

This course examines Shakespeare’s historical and political tragedy *Julius Caesar*, where Caesar’s apparent quest for autocracy and Brutus’ desire for democracy collide and end up precipitating Rome into a state of turmoil and insurrection. It also asks fundamental questions about the very nature and purpose of political responsibility, righteous administration and sacrificial honour. This course is also meant to expose the students to the fascinating dramatic world of Shakespeare where conspiracies, assassinations and treacherous alliances do thrive.

The one hour weekly tutorial is designed for third year students who will find an opportunity to reflect critically upon deep human issues and values that are still at stake nowadays.

**Course objectives:**

The objectives for this course are:

* To demystify the seemingly daunting task of reading and understanding Shakespeare
* To understand the contemporaneity of the main issues and arguments of the play as such.
* To acquire knowledge about how Shakespeare’s drama reflects the vicissitudes of his own society and eventually ours.
* To be able to discuss the texts in class (along with at-home writing assignments) and construct a coherent argumentation about the different issues of the course.