

## COURSE DETAIL

### LIFE WRITING

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Utrecht University

**Program(s)**

Utrecht University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

English

**UCEAP Course Number**

106

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

LIFE WRITING

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

LIFE WRITING

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

Stories drawn from lived experience are a powerful force in English language culture and society. This course examines the core themes and issues raised by a variety of cultural forms that take lived experience as their base, such as biography, memoir, autobiographical poetry and fiction, the essay, documentary, and social media. The course explores questions including: How do life writers establish the veracity of their narratives? How do they negotiate the need to tell the truth of their experience with the desire to tell an engaging story? How is life writing received by audiences, and what kinds of contributions does it make to cultural, political, and social debates? How do we respond to the complex ethical terrain of writing and reading stories based on real people and real events? Students investigate the importance of confession, testimony, witnessing, and documentation to a range of life writing forms to develop answers to these questions.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

EN3V18006

## Host Institution Course Title

LIFE WRITING

## Host Institution Campus

Humanities

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

Languages, Literature, and Communication

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