

COURSE DETAIL

HOW WE SPEAK AND WRITE ABOUT NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Free University of Berlin

Program(s)

Free University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Environmental Studies English Communication

UCEAP Course Number

120

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

NATURE&ENVIRONMENT

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course serves as an introduction to the field of environmental communication: What does it entail, what should it achieve, who are the intended recipients, and what is the intended outcome? The course studies some theoretical texts, addressing “the two cultures,” “framing,” and “technocratic discourse.” The course then analyzes political speeches about environmental policy and a manifesto. Finally, the course looks at the genesis of scientific and literary nature writing and studies extracts from classics such as Henry David Thoreau’s *WALDEN* or Rachel Carson’s *SILENT SPRING* as well as more recent texts by British and American authors. The course analyzes how these different texts operate, what they aim to accomplish and whether they succeed.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

16922

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

PHILOSOPHIE UND GEISTESWISSENSCHAFTEN

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Deutsche Philologie

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