

## COURSE DETAIL

### STREET LIFE: THE EVERYDAY CITY IN CLASSICAL LITERATURE

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

King's College London

**Program(s)**

King's College London

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Urban Studies Classics

**UCEAP Course Number**

114

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

STREET LIFE: THE EVERYDAY CITY IN CLASSICAL LITERATURE

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

CITY/CLASSICAL LIT

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

In antiquity, the city as idea and as experience provided a central trope for Greeks and Romans to think about their place in the world, their social and political organization, the relationship between culture and nature, self and other, morality, and history. This course focuses particularly on the presence of urban everyday life in classical literature and asks students to explore ancient representations through the lenses of cultural history and current critical approaches to the city. Our starting point is to think about what is 'natural' to us and put it at a critical distance: the ways in which the city has featured in literature and film in modernity. Students proceed to explore the extent to which these modern representations and their cultural context find antecedents in antiquity. Students pay special attention to urban space (house/home, street, theater, baths and barbershops) as well as time and occasion (city at night, erotic city, landscapes of disaster, routine).

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

6AACT17B

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### Host Institution Campus

King's College London/ Strand Campus

### Host Institution Faculty

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

Classics

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