

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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<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/abroad/module-options/living-in-the-city-in-classical-lit...>

Host Institution Campus

King's College London/ Strand Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Classics

Course Last Reviewed

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