COURSE DETAIL

SELECTED READINGS IN EUROPEAN LITERATURE

Country

China

Host Institution

Peking University, Beijing

Program(s)

Peking University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

European Studies Comparative Literature

UCEAP Course Number

103

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title

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UCEAP Transcript Title

EUROPEAN LITERATURE

UCEAP Quarter Units

3.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.00

Course Description

In terms of literary studies, the course provides a study of two influential European narratives. In terms of cultural studies, the course introduces the central ideas and attitudes of the western world. It examines Virgil's Aeneid and Dante's Divine Comedy. The Aeneid presents the story of a journey with a lofty goal-the foundation of a stable and civilized society, with a hero who embodies the code of reason, duty, and courage. The poem epitomizes the ideals of ancient Greece and Rome. The Divine Comedy presents another journey with a lofty goal- a vision of God, with a hero who seeks spiritual enlightenment. This poem epitomizes Judeo-Christian attitudes. The classical and Christian value systems illustrated in these works are the two most important roots of modern European and North American culture.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

3832040

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Foreign Languages

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