

COURSE DETAIL

ABOLITIONISM AND ANTI-SLAVERY MOVEMENTS IN NORTH AMERICA

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Free University of Berlin

Program(s)

Free University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History American Studies

UCEAP Course Number

147

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ABOLITIONISM AND ANTI-SLAVERY MOVEMENTS IN NORTH AMERICA

UCEAP Transcript Title

ANTI-SLAVERY IN US

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This seminar explores several different historical approaches to the abolition of slavery in North America. Abolitionism, centered in the North, was led by social reformers, such as William Lloyd Garrison, founder of the American Anti-Slavery Society; and writers like John Greenleaf Whittier and Harriet Beecher Stowe. Black activists included former slaves such as David Walker, Frederick Douglass, and free Blacks alike. In the South, black activists of the Underground Railroad helped slaves escape to the North, Canada, and Mexico. Former slaves ran this secret organization like Harriet Tubman, free African Americans, and white supporters who facilitated the flight of roughly 40,000 people over two decades. At about the same time, religious abolitionists such as the Gileadites took up armed resistance and fought during “bleeding Kansas” against the interests of the slaveowners. The Civil War ended slavery officially, but its effects on the American nation linger on until today.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

32403

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