COURSE DETAIL

THE BLACK DEATH: A GLOBAL HISTORY OF CATASTROPHE AND TRANSFORMATION

Country
United Kingdom - England

Host Institution
University of London, Queen Mary

Program(s)
University of London, Queen Mary

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History

UCEAP Course Number
123

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
THE BLACK DEATH: A GLOBAL HISTORY OF CATASTROPHE AND TRANSFORMATION

UCEAP Transcript Title
THE BLACK DEATH

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description
This course examines the course of the Black Death, from the mid-14th century through to the mid-15th century, considering humanity's responses to the pandemic's onset and the phenomenon of unprecedented mass mortality. The Black Death was the most lethal natural disaster in human history. Wiping out some fifty million people between 1347 and 1352, and then recurring for decades, even centuries, to come; its effects were felt not just in Europe, but across the medieval world. Students explore a series of micro-histories to reveal the experience of the Black Death and its aftermath in the likes of Florence and Constantinople, Mamluk Egypt and Plantagenet England, while also adopting a comparative, meta-historical approach to consider how these events reshaped the known world.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HSZ5132

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Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
History

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