

COURSE DETAIL

ANGLO-AMERICAN LITERATURE

Country

Italy

Host Institution

University of Bologna

Program(s)

University of Bologna

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

English Comparative Literature American Studies

UCEAP Course Number

184

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ANGLO-AMERICAN LITERATURE

UCEAP Transcript Title

ANGLO-US LITERATURE

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course is part of the Laurea Magistrale degree program and is intended for advanced level students. Enrolment is by permission of the instructor. Students master a variety of North American literary productions in relation to their cultural, social, and technological realities. Students learn to appreciate literary productions as part of complex, trans-media, and inclusive contexts. Course topics vary each term. For the most up to date course topics, access the University of Bologna Online Course Catalog. The fall 2023 course topic is on “Counterecycling: Science Fiction and Cognitive Pollution.” Through an assessment of traditional North American Science Fiction stories (and media adaptations), this course investigates whether using (in fact reusing) this genre traditional literary language helps to truly understand new complex phenomena or whether, instead, it induces cognitive pollution, therefore inhibiting our ability to observe. Recycling is certainly a useful action for the environment, but recycling literary language is not necessarily useful for seeing the limits and potential of a situation, especially where ontological levels are confused through a shared semantic. Among the themes discussed are: inventing the future: literature and technology; the evolving semantics of Science Fiction; the evolving semantics of Technology; environmental explorations: from cyberspace to metaverse; and artificial or artful Intelligence.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

30079,30165

Host Institution Course Title

ANGLO-AMERICAN LITERATURE

Host Institution Campus

BOLOGNA

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

LM in MODERN, POST-COLONIAL AND COMPARATIVE LITERATURES; LM in ITALIAN CULTURE AND LANGUAGE FOR FOREIGNERS

Host Institution Department

Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

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