

COURSE DETAIL

WALKING: LITERARY AND PHILOSOPHICAL EXPLORATIONS

Country

Italy

Host Institution

University of Bologna

Program(s)

University of Bologna

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy Italian English

UCEAP Course Number

136

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

WALKING: LITERARY AND PHILOSOPHICAL EXPLORATIONS

UCEAP Transcript Title

WALKING: LIT & PHIL

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course is an exploration of the act of walking both in the field of literature and philosophy. The course focuses on the evolving human relationship towards nature, and the perceived relationship towards nature. Under this rubric, students explore literary and philosophical considerations of walking. Thoreau's WALKING, Emerson's NATURE, G.P. Marsh's MAN AND NATURE, as well as contemporary text such as Ray Bradbury's THE PEDESTRIAN, Werner Herzog's WALKING ON ICE, Jim Harrison's THE BEAST GOD FORGOT TO INVENT, Rebecca Solnit's WANDERLUST, and Bill Bryson's A WALK IN THE WOODS. Students interested in a chronological analysis of the question concentrate on Henry David Thoreau's WALKING and early Christian influenced texts such as BEOWULF in order to analyze the relationship with nature over time. Special readings from THE CANTERBURY TALES include the MAN OF LAW'S PROLOGUE and THE KNIGHT'S TALE as well as Kazuo Ishiguro's, THE BURIED GIANT. Students receiving credit in Italian Studies focus on Italian texts (in the language or in translation) including Petrarch's MONTE VENTOSO, Calvino's IL VIAGGIATORE NELLA MAPPA, Levi's LA TREGUA, and Wu Ming's LA VIA DEGLI DEI. Class structure is seminar style, with discussion of readings and participation by everyone in both interpreting and applying readings to individual thematic projects which culminate in a research project on a pre-approved topic.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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