COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Utrecht University – University College Utrecht
Program(s) University College Utrecht
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Comparative Literature
UCEAP Course Number 1
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE
UCEAP Transcript Title INTRO TO LITERATURE
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

After completing this course students are able to:

1. familiar with a number of literary works from different periods and regions
2. familiar with key concepts in literary studies (such as reader response criticism, narratology, intertextuality, adaptation, postcolonial studies)
3. able to use these key concepts to analyse primary materials
4. able to use basic research skills (search literature, write and reference academically, present and chair a discussion)

Content

The course provides an introduction to key concepts in literary studies and acquaints students with a number of literary texts from world literature.

What is literature and how can we study it? This course allows you to become acquainted with a variety of literary works from different periods and languages, and it introduces you to some basic concepts in literary studies. Each week we focus on a different aspect of writing and reading in relation to particular works. This way, you will improve your knowledge of literary history and the literary canon, as well as your ability to ask interesting questions about the works you read. We will consider how texts are written, what their possible effects on readers are, in what ways they reflect or envision the society in which they were composed, why societies cherish some literary works and censure others, how certain writers acquire or lose value over the course of time, and how literature helps to shape the sense of who we are as individuals and as members of society.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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