

COURSE DETAIL

ANCIENT LITERATURE AND HISTORY

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Utrecht University - University College Utrecht

Program(s)

University College Utrecht

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History Classics

UCEAP Course Number

30

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ANCIENT LITERATURE AND HISTORY

UCEAP Transcript Title

ANCIENT LIT & HIST

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

Greece and Rome occupy a central position in the history of Western civilization. Many aspects of Western civilization have their origin in the classical world. Literature, philosophy, the arts, science, the ideal of democracy, and the rule of law were invented and developed by the Greeks and Romans and transmitted to the modern age. While basic to Western culture, the civilizations of the Greeks and Romans were also very different and therefore are difficult to understand from a modern perspective. Thus, the study of the ancient world and classical literature is a journey into the known and the unknown, the familiar and the strange, at the same time. In this course, students explore a selection of literary highlights from these cultures and learn to interpret them within their historical context. The texts are subsumed under a variety of different themes such as: classical heroism, the classical philosophy of the “good life,” the art of oratory, the practice of religion as a moral guide to the afterlife, the rise of Christianity and the concept of the “classical.”

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

UCHUMCLA12

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Host Institution Campus

Humanities

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Classics

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