

## COURSE DETAIL

### THE BIRTH OF FEMINISM: UCL, BLOOMSBURY AND FIN-DE-SIÈCLE RADICALISM

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

University College London

**Program(s)**

Summer at University College London

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Women's & Gender Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

103

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

THE BIRTH OF FEMINISM: UCL, BLOOMSBURY AND FIN-DE-SIÈCLE  
RADICALISM

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

BIRTH OF FEMINISM

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

**Course Description**

This course explores the rise of feminism in England from the publication of *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* to World War I, when London was a hot house of radical thinking and the temporary or definitive home of a variety of brilliant cosmopolitan thinkers and writers who converged here attracted by the infinite opportunities for debate on the most varied 'isms': positivism, liberalism, socialism, trade-unionism, Ibsenism, Freudianism, vegetarianism, pacifism, secularism and, last but not least, evolutionism. Darwin's theories of natural and sexual selection and his views of the place of woman in the evolution of the human species had a wide and deep impact on the debate on the Woman Question. They were received and appropriated in different ways by New Woman writers, but none of them escaped their influence. UCL had a prominent place in these exciting debates because of its deep connection to Darwinism through figures such as Francis Galton, Edward Grant, Edwin Ray Lankester, and Karl Pearson, so this is the right place to explore Darwinism's fundamental ontological implications for the cultural and literary discourse of the fin-de siècle

**Language(s) of Instruction**

English

**Host Institution Course Number**

ISSU0074

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RADICALISM**Host Institution Campus**

Bloomsbury

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

Bachelors

**Host Institution Department**

School of European Languages, Culture and Society

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