COURSE DETAIL

THE AGE OF ADOLESCENCE: READING 2OTH CENTURY YOUTH CULTURE
Country United Kingdom - England
Host Institution University of Sussex
Program(s) Summer in Sussex
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) English Comparative Literature
UCEAP Course Number 103
UCEAP Course Suffix S
UCEAP Official Title THE AGE OF ADOLESCENCE: READING 2OTH CENTURY YOUTH CULTURE
UCEAP Transcript Title READ 20C YOUTH CLTR
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description

This course explores representations of adolescence from the early 20th through to the early 21st century in literature, film, and popular culture. Students read texts that range across history, psychology, and writings about juvenile delinquency, but the focus is on reading novels, short stories, films, and graphic novels that represent the paradoxes of adolescence from the turn of the 20th century. This may include such works as: Back to the Future, Ghost World, Spring Breakers, The Hate U Give, and more. The course looks at the ways in which the adolescent morphs into the teenage consumer in the 1950s in novels such as Colin MacInnes's Absolute Beginners. The course considers the adolescent as a site of cultural fantasy and cultural fears in relation to class, race, gender, and sexuality and the adolescent's relationship to radical politics, subculture, suburbia, and nostalgia. On this experiential course, students explore how Brighton has been central for pushing boundaries and creating new waves in the medium of literature and film. Students also develop a deeper understanding of the construction of the categories of the adolescent and the teenagers in literature, film, and theory. This course may include a field trip to Brighton, following the trail of cult movie Quadrophenia.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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IS407

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Host Institution Campus University of Sussex
Host Institution Faculty
Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department English Literature
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