

COURSE DETAIL

AMERICAN LITERATURE

Country

Japan

Host Institution

Waseda University

Program(s)

Waseda University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History English Comparative Literature

UCEAP Course Number

125

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

AMERICAN LITERATURE

UCEAP Transcript Title

AMERICAN LITERATURE

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

A topic-based survey class of American Literature, this course focuses on understanding and analyzing the main changes and important aspects of American culture, society, politics, and history by exposing students to the works of various kinds of American literature authors. Class readings include not only prose writings but also letters, diaries and several official documents written by American influential writers from the 15th century to the 19th century. From time to time, the course will also analyze rare photographs, musical CDs, and films. Students are expected to be interested in basics of modern literary theory which are widely associated in American literary studies. As we challenge the process of creating the notions such as "America," "American History/Literature," "race," "class," and "borders," our readings will sometimes go beyond narrowly-defined "American" texts. Through these readings and analyses, students will learn various cultural aspects to approach social issues seen in American society, past and present. This course is conducted in a mixed style of lecture/seminar, and research works at the main library; therefore, participants will be assigned to make presentations, discussion, research and other activities. In the library survey sessions, students are expected to write and submit 2-3 page long paper each time during the class hours.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

LITE381L

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

Waseda University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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