

COURSE DETAIL

CULTURAL MEMORY

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Utrecht University - University College Utrecht

Program(s)

University College Utrecht

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Film & Media Studies Comparative Literature

UCEAP Course Number

103

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CULTURAL MEMORY

UCEAP Transcript Title

CULTURAL MEMORY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This multidisciplinary course is an introduction to the key questions and methodologies of cultural memory studies. This course explores topics including: the material culture and civic performance of public memory, the role of remembrance and forgetting in the construction of collective identities, the shifting of (trans) national frameworks of memory, and the role of literature, film, and other media of memory in constructing narratives about the past that either support or challenge the “official” memory of a country or region. The course discusses recent theoretical reflections on collective memory and on the development of memorial cultures in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries against the background of wars, and social and technological change. Students review literary texts alongside a variety of theoretical approaches by historians, literary scholars, philosophers, and psychoanalysts. Students analyze these works and examine the connections between literary analysis and memory and trauma studies. The course consists of discussions, written responses to readings, and student presentations. This course requires that students complete the equivalent of an Introduction to Literature course as a prerequisite.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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UCHUMLIT35

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CULTURAL MEMORY

Host Institution Campus

Humanities

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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