## **COURSE DETAIL**

# MEDIEVAL ENGLISH LITERATURES: ENCOUNTERING THE PAST (IN MEDIEVAL BRITISH LITERATURE / IN MIDDLE ENGLISH TEXTS)

## **Country**

Germany

#### **Host Institution**

Free University of Berlin

## Program(s)

Humboldt University Berlin, Free University Berlin

#### **UCEAP Course Level**

**Upper Division** 

## **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

English

#### **UCEAP Course Number**

109

#### **UCEAP Course Suffix**

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#### **UCEAP Official Title**

Medieval English Literatures: Encountering the Past (in Medieval British Literature / in Middle English Texts)

## **UCEAP Transcript Title**

MEDVAL ENG LIT:PAST

## **UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

#### **UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

#### **Course Description**

According to the archaeologist and literary scholar John Hines, "the curation, interpretation, and active use of material remains ... is a near-constant feature" of human societies, past and present. Such an interest in the material remnants of the past can be encountered also in medieval literary texts – which is not to say that these texts should be seen as direct reflections of contemporary practices. Rather, the depiction of material remains allows texts to explore different ways of imagining time, history, and the transmission of knowledge. Students read and discuss a number of Middle English texts, including Osbern Bokenham's *Life of St. Margaret* and the anonymous *St. Erkenwald*, as well as a number of Latin texts (in translation), all of which discuss material remains from the past in the context of constructing ideas of time and history.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

#### **Host Institution Course Number**

17330

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## **Host Institution Campus**

## **Host Institution Faculty**

# **Host Institution Degree**

# **Host Institution Department**

Englische Philologie

## **Course Last Reviewed**

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