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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