

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 Osborn 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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