

COURSE DETAIL

EARLY AMERICAN LITERATURE

Country

Taiwan

Host Institution

National Taiwan University

Program(s)

National Taiwan University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

English Comparative Literature

UCEAP Course Number

110

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

EARLY AMERICAN LITERATURE

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

How does America begin? With the fertile imagination of the first Europeans who arrived at its shores? With the creation myths of its indigenous communities? With John Winthrop's utopian vision of a "City on a Hill?" With the Declaration of Independence that severed the ties with the British Empire? Questions of origin and identity sit at the center of this course. Every week the course analyzes fictional and non-fictional accounts of America as an idea, from its beginnings up to the early nineteenth century. We will pay attention to the so-called "founding fathers" and, especially, to those silenced by their master narrative of "fatherhood:" women, African slaves, and displaced American Indians. Whereas the course revolves around a specific historical context, the course explores relevant themes and problems to your own experience as a 21st century student and citizen: cross-cultural encounters, gender inequality, violence, war, colonialism, racism, democracy, capitalism, and labor rights.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

FL4003

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EARLY AMERICAN LITERATURE

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Liberal Arts

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Foreign Languages and Literatures

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