

COURSE DETAIL

AMERICAN LITERATURE & CULTURE IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

King's College London

Program(s)

King's College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

English

UCEAP Course Number

138

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

AMERICAN LITERATURE & CULTURE IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course focuses on those dimensions of 19th-century American literature and culture that stand out as most distinctive to the culture of the new nation. The course explores four major cultural and intellectual arguments and their overlapping concerns. It begins with the dominating and inescapable presence of slavery and its representation across the middle decades of the century; briefly taking in questions about industrial wage-slavery in the republic. It explores the troubling questions raised by Nature and the natural for the writers and painters of the early 19th century, including the Anglo-American representation of the "Indian" and the writing of the American West. Next students consider ideas of the self, self-culture, the American self before, finally, tackling late-century fiction dealing with Americans in a sophisticated and corrupt Europe.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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5AAEB050

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Host Institution Campus

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Host Institution Faculty

Arts and Humanities

Host Institution Degree

Bachelors

Host Institution Department

English

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