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 AMER LIT&CULTR: 19C
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

Host Institution Course Number
5AAEB050

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American Literature and Culture in the Nineteenth Century

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Host Institution Faculty
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