COURSE DETAIL

FAMILY, AUTHORSHIP, AND ROMANTICISM
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 153
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title FAMILY, AUTHORSHIP, AND ROMANTICISM
UCEAP Transcript Title FAMILY& ROMANTICISM
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course explores the age of reason, revolution, and Romanticism through focusing on two generations of a single literary family: Mary Wollstonecraft, William Godwin, their daughter, Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, and her husband, Percy Bysshe Shelley. It will place the writings of Wollstonecraft and Godwin within the context of intellectual life in London during the tumultuous aftermath of the French Revolution. The second half of the course examines Mary and Percy Shelley's inheritance from Godwin and Wollstonecraft through fiction, poetry, and life-writing. A central theme of the course is finding ways to describe the complex literary relationships between members of the family and their circle, which extend beyond traditional models of literary influence towards a form of collaborative authorship. It also asks why writers who were attacked in their day for undermining the institution of the family have attracted increasing critical attention highlighting their identity as a family. Topics which students may choose to focus on include literary responses to the French Revolution, the beginnings of modern feminism, literary celebrity, life-writing, and literature and science.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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FAMILY, AUTHORSHIP, AND ROMANTICISM: THE GODWIN-WOLLSTONECRAFT SHELLEYS

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