

COURSE DETAIL

PIRACY AND CIVILIZATION: ANTIQUITY TO THE GOLDEN AGE

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University of London, Queen Mary

Program(s)

University of London, Queen Mary

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

143

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

PIRACY AND CIVILIZATION: ANTIQUITY TO THE GOLDEN AGE

UCEAP Transcript Title

PIRACY & CIVILIZ

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

Pirates have stalked the seas from time immemorial, bearing witness to the rise and fall of the world's greatest states and empires. Their mythical presence at the margins of civilization has enthralled, repulsed, and entertained for generations; but why do they endure in our collective memories, and how did pirates—and the concept of piracy—impact upon history? This course traces piracy's origins and development in world history, from the Classical Mediterranean to the early-modern Atlantic and Caribbean. It engages key texts of piratical folklore, from lurid contemporary accounts to swashbuckling cinema, while exploring (through a field trip) the wider significance of seafaring within British national identity.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HST5224

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Host Institution Campus

Queen Mary

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

History

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