

COURSE DETAIL

ASIAN NORTH 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

151

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ASIAN NORTH AMERICAN LITERATURE

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course surveys Asian North American literature and criticism. Given their similar immigration policies and cultural specificities, North America here includes Canada and the U.S.A., and Asia here is understood as East Asia as South(east) Asia has another complicated British/European colonial history. Since this is an introductory class in nature, students read the excerpts and a long novel from major works from the late 19th century to the present. While discerning the broad scope of Asian American literature as a whole, the course emphasizes the recurring themes, the bi-cultural contexts in which these writers wrote, and their literary experimentation and innovation over the time. To supplement readings of literary texts, students examine selected works of criticism, history, and social sciences. As heterogeneity is a crucial concept in defining the umbrella term “Asian American,” an important goal is to understand Asian North Americans as diverse groups and individuals given their different historical and cultural backgrounds. The course covers both East Asian (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Eurasian) and North American (American and Canadian) writers, and also attempts to cover all genres (short story, poetry, fiction, prose, graphics) to give the students a panoramic view of the “heterogeneity” in this quite established discipline.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

FL4046

Host Institution Course Title

ASIAN NORTH AMERICAN LITERATURE

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Foreign Languages and Literatures

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