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 ASIAN N AMER LIT
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

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Host Institution Campus

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Foreign Languages and Literatures

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