

## COURSE DETAIL

### LAUGHING MATTERS: COMEDY AND CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

**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)**

English Dramatic Arts

**UCEAP Course Number**

105

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

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**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

Has contemporary culture taken a funny turn? This course offers you the chance to find out. Students look at the recent proliferation of comic novels and short stories, as well as stand-up comedy, sitcoms, and film, in order to ask questions such as: why is this funny? how is this funny? should we be laughing at this? and what does this type of comedy say about the contemporary moment? You will also study the theory and philosophy of comedy, using this to inform our understanding of what comedy and laughter do, culturally, psychologically, ethically, and politically.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

ESH6025

## Host Institution Course Title

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## Host Institution Campus

Queen Mary University of London

## Host Institution Faculty

English and Drama

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

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