

COURSE DETAIL

MARGARET ATWOOD: NOVELS, ESSAYS, ADAPTATION

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Humboldt University Berlin

Program(s)

Humboldt University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Women's & Gender Studies English

UCEAP Course Number

124

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

MARGARET ATWOOD: NOVELS, ESSAYS, ADAPTATION

UCEAP Transcript Title

MARGARET ATWOOD

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.70

Course Description

This course offers a study of the works of Margaret Atwood. The first part of the course focuses on speculative elements, feminist themes, and the role of the narrator in Atwood's work, and examines how her novels' form contributes to their meaning. This part of the course discusses the claustrophobic first person narrative in *THE HANDMAID'S TALE*, the unreliable patchwork narrative of *ALIAS GRACE*, and the mythopoeic style of the *PENELOPIAD*. The course utilizes samples from TV adaptations, and a selection of essays by and about Atwood to provide a broad spectrum of perspectives and a basis for in-class discussion. The second part of the course builds on the theoretical context and literary analyses from the first part of the course. Students review essays and further context material on topics related to Atwood's novels such as the history and development of dystopian fiction in Anglophone literature, feminist literary theory, and the role of gender in classical mythology and modern adaptations. The second part of the course also offers exercises and room for discussion with regards to academic writing and working with secondary texts. Regular attendance is required. Students participate in class discussions, complete written assignments, and give an oral presentation.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

5250016/7

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Host Institution Campus

SPRACH- UND LITERATURWISSENSCHAFTLICHE FAKULTÄT

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Anglistik und Amerikanistik

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