COURSE DETAIL

EMERGING VOICES: US WOMEN WRITERS

Country

France

Host Institution

University of Bordeaux

Program(s)

University of Bordeaux

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Women's & Gender Studies

UCEAP Course Number

117

UCEAP Course Suffix

F

UCEAP Official Title

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UCEAP Transcript Title

US WOMEN WRITERS

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

Course Description

The time separating the Declaration of Sentiments (1848) from the nineteenth amendment that granted American women the right of vote (1920) marked a turning point in the history of women in the US. Although a number of women rose to prominence in the male-dominated literary world of the second half of the nineteenth century, most of them have long been forgotten. The recovery work to which feminist criticism gave an impulse in the 1970s and is still ongoing today has drawn attention to the pivotal role played by some of these writers in the redefinition of women's place in American society. This course initiates a reflection on the way in which these women dealt with such issues as slavery, domesticity, industrialization, and the rise of a visual culture in the fast-developing society of their times. Due attention is paid to the Gothic genre that allowed them to express their most intimate concerns and anxieties under the cover of supernatural fiction, as well as to the regional sketch, a supposedly minor genre that some of them turned into an instrument of resistance to the dominant patriarchal ideology.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

MIA1Y18

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Host Institution Campus

UNIVERSITÉ BORDEAUX MONTAIGNE

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Master: Etudes anglophones