COURSE DETAIL

READING LIKE A VICTORIAN: WILKIE COLLIN'S THE WOMEN IN WHITE (1859-1860)

Country
Ireland

Host Institution
Trinity College Dublin

Program(s)
Trinity College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
English

UCEAP Course Number
117

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
READING LIKE A VICTORIAN: WILKIE COLLIN'S THE WOMEN IN WHITE (1859-1860)

UCEAP Transcript Title
THE WOMEN IN WHITE

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.00

UCEAP Semester Units
2.70

Course Description

This course introduces students to Wilkie Collins's THE WOMAN IN WHITE (1859-60), widely considered to be the first and best Victorian sensation novel. Using online resources, the class reads Collins's novel in instalments, as Victorian readers would have done. Students read 40 instalments over 10 weeks, reading four instalments per week. This relatively small amount of primary text reading per week is guided by specific questions about theme and genre and supplemented with contextual reading from ALL THE YEAR ROUND magazine, other historical sources, and secondary reading on periodical theory. Students examine issues such as women's property and inheritance rights, the marriage market, emerging proto-feminism, alongside themes of madness, criminality, class, and national identity. This slow and detailed method of reading and studying the novel not only allows for deep examination of the novel's many plots and subplots, themes, motifs, and generic influences, but also allows students to experience the thrill of the novel's many twists and cliffhangers in the same way as contemporary Victorian readers would have done.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
ENU33019

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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus

University of Edinburgh

Host Institution Faculty
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Host Institution Degree

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