

## 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**

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**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 Campus**

University of Edinburgh

### **Host Institution Faculty**

school of English

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

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