COURSE DETAIL

HEROES AND QUEENS; MONSTERS AND EXILES: GENDER ROLES IN MEDIEVAL ENGLISH POETIC TEXTS

Country
Germany

Host Institution
Free University of Berlin

Program(s)
Humboldt University Berlin,Free University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
English

UCEAP Course Number
111

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
HEROES AND QUEENS; MONSTERS AND EXILES: GENDER ROLES IN MEDIEVAL ENGLISH POETIC TEXTS

UCEAP Transcript Title
MEDIEVAL LIT: GENDR

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

Old English was the language spoken and preserved in written texts up to the mid-eleventh century CE in the regions of the British Isles. It developed from the languages spoken by Germanic peoples coming to Britain from the continental mainland and presents the earliest precursor of Modern English. In this course, we will focus on Old English texts written in verse, exploring their themes, styles, meanings, and the challenges of dealing with a language surviving only in a small number of often unique and damaged manuscripts. Texts we will be reading include heroic poetry, such as *Beowulf* , elegies, as well as Old English versions of Biblical texts. The focus of our readings will be on the question of how such texts portray concepts of gender, how they construct but also deconstruct gender roles, and how they relate to gender theory in the 21st century. Students will be introduced to the grammar and pronunciation of Old English and will use their knowledge to work with the original texts alongside Modern English translations.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
17329

Host Institution Course Title
MEDIEVAL ENGLISH LITERATURES: HEROES AND QUEENS; MONSTERS AND EXILES: GENDER ROLES IN OLD ENGLISH POETIC TEXTS

Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus

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Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department Englische Philologie
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