COURSE DETAIL

HISTORY OF SLAVERY IN FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES (17TH-21ST CENTURIES)

Country
France

Host Institution
University of Bordeaux

Program(s)
University of Bordeaux

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History

UCEAP Course Number
106

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
HISTORY OF SLAVERY IN FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES (17TH-21ST CENTURIES)

UCEAP Transcript Title
HISTORY OF SLAVERY

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

This course examines a controversial issue: the history of slavery in France and the United States from the 17th to 21st centuries. It first focuses on the history of two cities at the heart of triangular trade, Bordeaux and Charleston, and the way in which their elites thought and translated into their lifestyles, in their urban spaces and, today, in their museums, this historical fact over time. The course then considers how the American and French slaves, unwilling actors in the history of slavery, for their part, thought and translated their history, but also their emotions, in particular through writing. The autobiographies published between the 18th century and the 19th century are an appreciable complement for the researcher even if they raise the question of the subjectivity of their authors and their status as sources. Finally, the course questions the way in which French and American literature, including that dedicated to youth, thinks about and translates the history of slavery through specific examples. The publication of historical novels relating to these lively questions having always been consciously accompanied by civic and moral objectives and the formative function of literature for youth being undeniable, the course investigates if French and American publications think and translate in the same way this part of our history and, above all, whether they transmit the same values.

Language(s) of Instruction
French

Host Institution Course Number
3LDHE21

Host Institution Course Title
CULTURE HISTORIQUE: L'HISTOIRE DE L'ESCLAVAGE EN FRANCE ET AUX ÉTATS-UNIS (XVIIE-XXIE SIÈCLES)

Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus Bordeaux Montaigne
Host Institution Faculty
Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department Culture humaniste et scientifique
Course Last Reviewed 2023-2024

Print