COURSE DETAIL

VOICING AMERICA: COLONIZATION TO CIVIL WAR

Country United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution University of St Andrews

Program(s) University of St Andrews

UCEAP Course Level Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s) English

UCEAP Course Number 160

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title VOICING AMERICA: COLONIZATION TO CIVIL WAR

UCEAP Transcript Title VOICING AMERICA

UCEAP Quarter Units 12.00

UCEAP Semester Units 8.00

Course Description

This course gives students a broad grounding in the antebellum literature and culture of the United States, from colonial settlement to Civil War. Focusing on the self-conscious acts of speech and declaration which characterized early attempts to bring the new nation into being, the course introduces students to a range of texts designed to be spoken, including jeremiads, lyceum lectures, and orations. Students are encouraged to think about the powers and limitations of these early American voicings, and they draw on a range of literary media - from travelogues and letters to political pamphlets and legal documents - as well as elements of rhetoric and style, to explore literary experiments set on establishing a distinct, "American" voice. The course's wide historical range offers students the opportunity to develop an understanding of the relationship between literary production and the major social and political issues that shaped the early Republic.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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