

COURSE DETAIL

MONSTERS AND MONSTROSITIES

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Humboldt University Berlin

Program(s)

Humboldt University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

English

UCEAP Course Number

116

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

MONSTERS AND MONSTROSITIES

UCEAP Transcript Title

MONSTERS & MONSTROS

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

As possibly the oldest representation of embodied difference, monsters have always served as warnings not to stray off the beaten path. They might warn against the dangers that lurk in unknown territories or against engaging in aberrant behavior so as to avoid degenerating into something monstrous oneself. Monstrosity is thus not only a matter of those fantastical beings that we find in science fiction and fantasy narratives, but has always been attached to human bodies as well, or those who are designated as *inhuman* or less than human. In this seminar, we will engage with literary representations of monstrosity that blur the lines between the real and the fantastical and thematize monsters as both supernatural and otherworldly, as well as real material beings. Analyzing such literary constructions of monstrosity thus allows us to delve into an unconscious realm of social anxieties regarding human difference and non-normative embodiment with special attention to the intersections of race, gender, and disability.

Language(s) of Instruction

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