

# COURSE DETAIL

## CULTURAL LANDMARKS: BRITISH LITERATURE

**Country**

France

**Host Institution**

University of Bordeaux

**Program(s)**

University of Bordeaux

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

English Comparative Literature

**UCEAP Course Number**

111

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

CULTURAL LANDMARKS: BRITISH LITERATURE

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

BRITISH LITERATURE

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

3.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

2.00

### **Course Description**

This course considers the profound changes which marked British literature from the Restoration to the beginning of the Romantic Age and contributed to the cultural shaping of the country. The first half of the century (the Augustan Age) saw a revival of classical standards in prose and verse, appealing to reason to edify, amuse, and criticize. With the reopening of theatres in 1660, new forms of drama also emerged, especially the “comedy of manners,” which reflected on the corrupt morals and hypocrisy rife in the upper-classes. Satire and parody thus became the main literary weapons during the Enlightenment period. The rise of the middle-class, the development of newspapers, the increase in literacy, together with the domination of Empiricism in philosophy and science and a new interest in feelings led to the invention of the novel. The latter not only appealed to wider audiences than previous literary genres but offered unprecedented insight into contemporary British society and history. Finally, in the second half of the century (the Age of Sensibility), public concerns yielded to more private ones and reason gradually lost ground to sensibility and imagination, thus paving the way to Romanticism.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

3LILM32

### **Host Institution Course Title**

REPERES CULTURELS

### **Host Institution Course Details**

### **Host Institution Campus**

Université Bordeaux Montaigne

### **Host Institution Faculty**

UFR langues

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

Anglais

**Course Last Reviewed**

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