## **COURSE DETAIL**

## **TOPICS IN ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE**

**Country** China

**Host Institution** Fudan University

**Program(s)** Fudan University

UCEAP Course Level Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)** English American Studies

UCEAP Course Number 152

**UCEAP Course Suffix** 

UCEAP Official Title TOPICS IN ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE

UCEAP Transcript Title ENGL AMERICAN LIT

**UCEAP Quarter Units** 3.00

**UCEAP Semester Units** 2.00

## **Course Description**

This course will focus on the short detective fiction of Agatha Christie (1890-1976), the most successful twentieth-century author of detective novels. While Christie developed two well-known sleuths, Hercules Poirot and Miss Jane Marple, who featured in novels and whose cases have frequently been translated into the medium of film as well into more than 100 languages, this course will concentrate on the early short stories that were published in the 1920s and that predate the Miss Marple novels. Students will be introduced to the study of character and narrative, as well as the genre conventions of detective fiction, at the same time that they will be furnished with tools to understand the various techniques used in crime fiction. Particular attention will be devoted to reading Miss Marple as a moral standard against which aberrant behavior is tested by Christie.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

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**Host Institution Campus** 

**Host Institution Faculty** 

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department College of Foreign Languages and Literature

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