

COURSE DETAIL

LITERATURE AND HISTORY IN THE 20TH CENTURY

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History Comparative Literature

UCEAP Course Number

103

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

LITERATURE AND HISTORY IN THE 20TH CENTURY

UCEAP Transcript Title

LITERATURE&HIST 20C

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

The 20th century was marked by the clash of ideologies—fascism, Nazism, communism—and unprecedented violence. Its literary history, in turn, was shaped by bold formal experimentation (modernism) and the emergence of voices from regions and groups previously underrepresented. Through literature, particularly the novel, the course examines how writers grappled with this apocalyptic century. The novel, with its focus on individual experience and narrative complexity, provides a unique, non-ideological lens to engage with reality and history. It studies it through works by Dostoevsky, Conrad, Virginia Woolf, Kafka, Kundera, Garcia Marquez, Achebe and others.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

AHUM 25A18

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Core Seminar

Host Institution Department

Political Humanities

Course Last Reviewed

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