COURSE DETAIL

THE IDEA OF THE CLASSIC
Country Australia
Host Institution University of Sydney
Program(s) University of Sydney
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) English
UCEAP Course Number 19
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title THE IDEA OF THE CLASSIC
UCEAP Transcript Title IDEA OF THE CLASSIC
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

Why are some books considered classics while others are hardly read at all? How is the idea of the classic linked to debates about history, representation, excellence, and taste? This course answers these questions through in-depth, guided readings of a small number of major texts that have, at one time or another, been celebrated for their classic status. It considers whether literary classics must be difficult, innovative, representative, or popular; how they shape our judgements about literary tradition and value; and why they remain implicated in debates about sexuality, race, national identity, and class.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
ENGL1017

Host Institution Course Title
THE IDEA OF THE CLASSIC

Host Institution Course Details
https://www.sydney.edu.au/units/ENGL1017/2025-S1C-ND-CC

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
English and Writing

Course Last Reviewed
2024-2025

Print