

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

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

English and Writing

Course Last Reviewed

2024-2025

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