

# COURSE DETAIL

## EARLY MODERN LITERARY CULTURE

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

King's College London

**Program(s)**

King's College London

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

English

**UCEAP Course Number**

119

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

EARLY MODERN LITERARY CULTURE

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

EARLY MODERN LIT

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

### **Course Description**

The Early Modern period in England – by which we mean, very roughly, 1550-1660 – was a time of immense intellectual, geographical and literary expansion. The period offers us a double perspective: looking back to classical learning and achievement and using that as a model for the present, and offering us a glance forward to what we now think of as ‘the modern’ – that is, modern subjectivities, sexualities, politics and cultures. This course is designed to introduce texts from a period that stretched from the reign of Henry VIII to the English Civil War, with a focus on the reigns of Elizabeth I and James I. The course tracks the creative intersection of individual writers, literary forms, and the spirit of the age, and opens up a set of new magnificent texts for students to immerse themselves in, through which they develop a sense of the culture out of which they emerged. The primary texts studied in this course are chosen to reflect a broad generic range typical of the Renaissance, including prose, drama, masque and lyric and epic poetry.

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

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

4AAEA005

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### **Host Institution Course Details**

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/abroad/module-options/early-modern-literary-culture>

### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

English

**Course Last Reviewed**

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