

COURSE DETAIL

THE GREAT AMERICAN NOVEL

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University of London, Queen Mary

Program(s)

University of London, Queen Mary

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

English American Studies

UCEAP Course Number

177

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

THE GREAT AMERICAN NOVEL

UCEAP Transcript Title

GREAT AMERICA NOVEL

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course looks at various candidates for the "Great American Novel," a term for fictional narratives that seem to capture the essence of the United States. The course examines the concept's origins following the American Civil War, evolution throughout the 20th and 21st centuries, and enduring appeal in the popular imagination. Selected fiction is considered in relation to US national identity, the ideal of the American dream, notions of authorship, and anxieties toward social issues such as class, gender, race, ethnicity, disability, and sexual orientation.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ESH6098

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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

Course Last Reviewed

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