# **COURSE DETAIL**

#### **READING MINDS: LITERATURE AND PYSCHOLOGY**

## **Country**

New Zealand

#### **Host Institution**

University of Otago

## Program(s)

University of Otago

#### **UCEAP Course Level**

**Upper Division** 

## **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Comparative Literature

#### **UCEAP Course Number**

153

### **UCEAP Course Suffix**

#### **UCEAP Official Title**

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## **UCEAP Transcript Title**

LITERATURE & PSYCH

## **UCEAP Quarter Units**

7.00

#### **UCEAP Semester Units**

4.70

#### **Course Description**

This course examines the psychological dimensions of prominent literary texts and looks at the complex relationship between literature and psychology from a broad range of perspectives. Students will read a range of literary texts with a view to understanding—both analytically and empathetically—problems and adaptations, focusing particularly on trauma in its various manifestations. Further, instead of simply considering the resulting post-traumatic "pathologies" the property of individuals, the course adopts a psychosocial lens to emphasise the broader social dimensions underpinning maladaptive psychological formations, as well as their (frequently unconscious) transgenerational transmission. It concludes with a reflection on the little or big "madnesses" that may lie hidden within the very fabric of what is considered to be "sane" and "normal" in Western society.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

#### **Host Institution Course Number**

ENGL353

#### **Host Institution Course Title**

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### **Host Institution Campus**

Dunedin

## **Host Institution Faculty**

Humanities

# **Host Institution Degree**

# **Host Institution Department**

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