

COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO LITERARY STUDIES

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Utrecht University

Program(s)

Utrecht University

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

English Comparative Literature

UCEAP Course Number

11

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

INTRODUCTION TO LITERARY STUDIES

UCEAP Transcript Title

INTRO LIT STUDIES

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

Literature is a cultural and aesthetic phenomenon that takes on many different forms in different periods, regions, and languages. In all of these forms, literature reflects in one way or another the society from which it emerges. This course focuses on the complex relations between literature and society and to write and speak about them in an academic way. The course considers the characteristics of narrative, interpretation, poetics, and textuality, and place literary texts and analyses in specific historical and cultural contexts. In this course students consider key literary debates via the analysis of different texts from a number of different perspectives in literary studies. Students learn to see literature as a cultural phenomenon and are able to reflect academically on ethical and aesthetic aspects of literature; become familiar with different theoretical and critical movements; know a number of case studies, in which literary texts have influenced ethical debates; are able to write and speak about these kinds of issues in an academic way; acquire a supra-lingual perspective on literature.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

LI1V18001

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<https://osiris-student.uu.nl/onderwijscatalogus/extern/cursus>

Host Institution Campus

Utrecht University

Host Institution Faculty

Faculty of Humanities

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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