

COURSE DETAIL

THE INFLUENCE OF FIN DE SIECLE ON CHINESE LITERATURE

Country

Taiwan

Host Institution

National Taiwan University

Program(s)

National Taiwan University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Comparative Literature

UCEAP Course Number

109

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

THE INFLUENCE OF FIN DE SIECLE ON CHINESE LITERATURE

UCEAP Transcript Title

FIN DE SIECLE CHIN

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

The *fin de siècle* (end of the century) is an important phenomenon in European literature and culture at the end of the 19th century. The works of well-known writers and thinkers such as Wilde, Baudelaire, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, and psychologist Freud boldly explore the dark side of human nature and reflect on the decline of civilization, all of which present the cultural characteristics of the *fin de siècle*. This literature later spread to East Asia with various translated works and artistic creations, arousing enthusiastic responses in Japan and China in the 20th century. Through imitation, dialectics and transformation in the literary and art circles, complex cross-cultural issues emerged.

This course introduces works in modern Chinese literature that are deeply influenced by European "fin de siècle" literature and culture. It explores poetry, novels, dramas, and reviews spanning the entire twentieth century. It adopts the research method of comparative literature; compares and carefully reads Chinese and foreign works; sorts out transnational literary context and ideological origins, and explores their rich implications, to gain a deep understanding of "fin de siècle" literature and culture and its influence.

Language(s) of Instruction

Chinese

Host Institution Course Number

CHIN4067

Host Institution Course Title

FIN DE SIECLE LITERATURE AND CULTURE

Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Department of Chinese Literature

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