

# COURSE DETAIL

## WITCH-HUNTING IN EUROPEAN SOCIETIES

**Country**

Australia

**Host Institution**

University of Melbourne

**Program(s)**

University of Melbourne

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Sociology History

**UCEAP Course Number**

180

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

WITCH-HUNTING IN EUROPEAN SOCIETIES

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

WITCH HUNTING

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

This course examines different historical models for explaining the shocking rise and ultimate decline of witchcraft as a crime with dramatic social repercussions. It covers accused female and male witches of all ages and all social levels, as well as inquisitors, judges, torturers, accusers and victims. It assesses the social, political, religious, legal, environmental and cultural underpinnings of witchcraft panics in locations including Germany, France, England, Scotland, Spain and Italy. It looks at European anxieties about non-European diabolical magic, and the notorious New England Salem witch trials of 1692 in North America.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

HIST20080

### Host Institution Course Title

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### Host Institution Course Details

<https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/subjects/hist20080>

### Host Institution Campus

Parkville

### Host Institution Faculty

Arts

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

### Course Last Reviewed

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