

# COURSE DETAIL

## CROSS-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING CULTURES

**Country**

Korea, South

**Host Institution**

Korea University

**Program(s)**

Korea University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Lower Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

English

**UCEAP Course Number**

51

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

CROSS-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING CULTURES

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

CROSSCULTR ENG SPKG

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

### **Course Description**

This course covers the study and evaluation of the culture of English-speaking people, such as language behavior, values, and customs, so that students can become familiar with both cultures as well as the ability to use the two languages in a sympathetic manner.

This offering of the course examines: What makes one an American? Underlying at the root of the concept of American is the belief in one's ability to "make" oneself into the image of an ideal American, which is inextricably linked with the cultural myth of self-invention that underwrites the American Dream. In this course, we examine how various American texts from the founding of the nation to the early 1930s contribute to, challenge, and revise our understanding of the American self, and consider how these texts give voice to particular social and historical experiences—both individual and national—and how those voices simultaneously direct and question the way we read such experiences as "American."

Students explore how changing social and political conditions are reflected in various texts, and how these texts participate in or question the construction of national identity. In this process, we ponder the ways in which these cultural texts both articulate and participate in broader historical struggles to establish the meaning of "America" itself.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

ELED233

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### **Host Institution Course Details**

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**Host Institution Campus**

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

**Course Last Reviewed**

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