

# COURSE DETAIL

## AMERICAN NIGHTMARES

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

King's College London

**Program(s)**

King's College London

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

English

**UCEAP Course Number**

150

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

AMERICAN NIGHTMARES

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

AMERICAN NIGHTMARES

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

### **Course Description**

Forget about the American Dream. This course explores the nightmarish and phantasmagorical hinterlands of the American project. It covers that which is repressed, depraved, monstrous, grotesque, terrifying, disturbing, unsettling, marginal, and bizarre in its culture. Together students seek to account for the existence of these horrors, through historicizing, close reading, and conceptualizing them via the contested histories of race, gender, sexuality, and class in the US. Students are looking at different genres and the troubled worlds contained within them. Students can expect to read in any given year works in the gothic, horror, noir and neo-noir, grotesque, racial melodrama, black comedy, crime, war, dystopian, science fiction, and mystery traditions.

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

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

6AAEC132

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<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/abroad/module-options/american-nightmares>

### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

English

### **Course Last Reviewed**

2025-2026

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