

COURSE DETAIL

FICTIONS OF THE SUPERNATURAL

Country

Singapore

Host Institution

National University of Singapore

Program(s)

National University of Singapore

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

English

UCEAP Course Number

108

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

FICTIONS OF THE SUPERNATURAL

UCEAP Transcript Title

FCTN SUPERNATURAL

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course examines works of fiction that explain or dismiss the supernatural. Topics include David Hume's infamous and controversial take on miracles, Sigmund Freud's "uncanny," Tzvetan Todorov's "fantastic," Alejo Carpentier's idea of the "marvelous real," etc. The course focuses on the historical ways of thinking about certain texts and a terminology for doing so, exploring the tension between what is real and unreal, what is natural and supernatural, in a variety of ways: for the readerly pleasures of terror and suspense; as allegories of personal or political or social trauma; as problematic racist and misogynistic symbols of feared "otherness"; and also as a site from which oppressed and marginalized communities can resist.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

EN2212

Host Institution Course Title

FICTIONS OF THE SUPERNATURAL

Host Institution Course Details

<https://nusmods.com/courses/EN2212/fictions-of-the-supernatural>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Arts and Social Science

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

English, Linguistics and Theatre Studies

Course Last Reviewed

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