

COURSE DETAIL

READING, THEORY AND INTERPRETATION: APPROACHES TO THE STUDY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University of London, Queen Mary

Program(s)

University of London, Queen Mary

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

English

UCEAP Course Number

101

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

STUDY OF ENGL LIT

UCEAP Quarter Units

12.00

UCEAP Semester Units

8.00

Course Description

This course is a foundational course that introduces students to some of the central problems involved in the interpretation of literature. At the same time, the course provides students with an introduction to some of the most influential and challenging theories of interpretation itself. Throughout the history of literature, there have arisen various competing interpretations of literary texts and, with that, the need to adjudicate between rival interpretations from interdisciplinary backgrounds. "Theory" has therefore emerged as a means of justifying particular interpretations over and against others. This course demonstrates the connections between different theoretical perspectives within English Literature, and helps students to understand why these opposing "readings", theoretical perspectives, and interpretations occur, and how to analyze some of the more ambitious and compelling theories through which these readings have been generated.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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ESH102

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