

COURSE DETAIL

NOBEL LAUREATES IN LITERATURE

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

Trinity College Dublin

Program(s)

Trinity College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

English Comparative Literature

UCEAP Course Number

127

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

NOBEL LAUREATES IN LITERATURE

UCEAP Transcript Title

NOBEL LAUREATES LIT

UCEAP Quarter Units

10.00

UCEAP Semester Units

6.70

Course Description

This course considers the most prestigious literary award in the world: the Nobel Prize in Literature. Starting with an overview of the award's history and the way in which it has been administered, the course then examines the contemporary cultural contexts of Great Britain, Ireland, the United States, Russia and Czechia. The Nobel Prize in Literature, first awarded in 1901, has been intended for 'the person who shall have produced...the most outstanding work of an ideal tendency'. Engaging with the literary scenes of the five countries under review, the course discusses the work and legacy of some of these 'persons' - including W. B. Yeats (who received the Prize in 1923), Alexander Solzhenitsyn (1970), William Golding (1983), Jaroslav Seifert (1984), Toni Morrison (1993), and others. It considers these outstanding literary artists' most significant works, evaluating their contribution to the world of letters, and to humankind. The course concludes with an informed discussion about the relationship between literature and society, and the role of literature in our contemporary world.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

CPU33004

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.tcd.ie/media/tcd/langs-lits-cultures/pdfs/module-descriptors/CPU330...>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultural Studies

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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