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
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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultural Studies

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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