

COURSE DETAIL

JANE AUSTEN HISTORY AND FICTION

Country

Australia

Host Institution

Australian National University

Program(s)

Australian National University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History English

UCEAP Course Number

122

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

JANE AUSTEN HISTORY AND FICTION

UCEAP Transcript Title

JANE AUSTEN HISTORY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course examines five novels by Jane Austen: *Sense and Sensibility*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Mansfield Park*, *Emma* and *Persuasion*. Each novel will provide a starting point from which we will explore the representation of broad themes of historical and literary significance relating to late eighteenth and early nineteenth century Britain. We will examine the ways in which knowledge of the period in which Austen wrote enriches our understanding of her fiction and how the novels in turn participate in certain crucial debates and developments of the period. Topics to be covered will include the representation within the novels of the following: the Navy, marriage and adultery, fashion and consumption, slavery and empire, the landed estate, Bath, the concept of 'improvement', the female reading public and its institutions, leisure, the Gothic, ideas of the family and domesticity, music, the theatre, female friendship, philanthropy and science. We will also critically examine the significance of the Austen 'craze' with reference to film and television versions of the novels as well as Austen's presence on the internet.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ENGL2022

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/course/ENGL2022>

Host Institution Campus

Canberra

Host Institution Faculty

Literature, Languages and Linguistics

Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department
Course Last Reviewed 2025-2026

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