



# **HUMA318**

## **The Literature and Drama of New York City**

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# WHAT IS HUMA318?

- Humanities undergraduate unit (10 cp), cross-disciplinary teaching across key areas of Literature and Drama
- Taught in intensive mode in January:
  - Online, recorded lectures available November
  - 2 x MANDATORY classes in Australia prior to departure on literary and dramatic texts
  - 10 x days in New York City, USA.
  - Field-based, experiential learning
  - Exciting, but long days and nights



# WHO CAN ENROL IN HUMA317?

- Literature and Drama students studying a BA and connected degrees at ACU
- Students from campuses in Brisbane, Strathfield and Melbourne are eligible to enrol
- Main prerequisite:
  - Completion of at least one unit in Literature or Drama at second year (200) level or higher

# KEY DATES IN 2018

- 4<sup>th</sup> May: First information session
- 18<sup>th</sup> May: Students must return their expression of interest
- 25<sup>th</sup> May: Students will be notified of their acceptance. Those students accepted into the course will have further information sessions in preparation for the trip.
- Anticipated Payment Dates:
  - C. June: Deposit required (\$500)
  - C. Dec : Balance of payment due



# **KEY DATES IN 2018-9**

## **THESE DATE ARE YET TO BE CONFIRMED**

- 2018
  - November: Online lectures, study guides and reading/watching texts
- 2019
  - January: 2 x tutorials / briefing sessions / online quizzes in Australia will occur in the first weeks of January
  - 14<sup>th</sup> January: Depart Australia for New York
  - 14<sup>th</sup> January: Arrive in New York
  - 24<sup>th</sup> January: Depart New York for Australia
  - 26<sup>th</sup> January : Arrive back in Australia
  - February: final assessments for unit

# ACU SUPPORT

- OS-Help loan
- Vice Chancellor's Travel Grant
- International SOS
- Travel Insurance



# **JANUARY WEATHER IN NEW YORK**

## ***Northern Hemisphere WINTER!***

- **6 hours of daylight**
- **Air temp:**  $-3^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $6^{\circ}\text{C}$ , daily average
- **Precipitation:** Average rain days/month: 10
  - Snow: Very common for this time of year
  - Occasional heavy falls
  - Be prepared for alterations to the schedule due to the cold weather
  - Students **MUST** come prepared with heavy coats and water proof shoes. Snow is **WET!**

# POTENTIAL SITES VISITED

- Harlem
- Greenwich Village
- Central Park
- The MET (Metropolitan Museum of Art)
- Museum of Modern Art
- New York City Museum



# PROPOSED THEATRE

- *Waitress* (Musical)
- *A Bronx Tale* (Musical)
- *Death of a Salesman* Arthur Miller  
(Comparative Text only – no live performance)
- 1 x play concerning American themes TBA
- Please Note: The theatre seasons for next year are not yet advertised and performances will be chosen based on their cost, accessibility and research potential. These texts may change and are only indicative of what we might see.

# THE POSSIBLE LITERARY TEXTS!

- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* Maya Angelo
- *New York Poetry* - Anthology of significant  
American Poets
- *Jazz* Toni Morrison
- *Catcher In the Rye* J. D. Salinger
- *The Great Gatsby* F. Scott Fitzgerald
- *Washington Square* Henry James



# TEACHING, LEARNING & ASSESSMENT

**Mode/Attendance Pattern:** This unit may include excursions, lectures, workshops, performances, screenings, and web-enhanced learning.

•**Duration:** 2.5 weeks intensive block mode made up of: 4 x 2 hour lectures, 2 x 1 hours tutorials face-to-face on campus AND 1.5 weeks (26 hours) on location in New York.

ASSESSMENT	DATE DUE	WEIGHTING	LEARNING OUTCOMES	GRADUATE ATTRIBUTE
<b>Research Essay</b>	After the tour	30	i, ii, iii	4,5,6,8,9
<b>Blogs:</b> <b>2 x Literature</b> <b>2 x Drama</b>	Throughout the unit	30	ii, iii	1,4,5,7,8,9,10
<b>Exams:</b> <b>2 x pre-assessment online</b>	Online exam BEFORE the tour leaves. There are two: 1 x Literature + 1 x Drama	40% (20% for each quiz)	i, iii	4,5,6,8,9

# THE COST

- Cost per student = No more than \$6,000
- What's included in this cost
  - Return flights
  - Accommodation in Manhattan, New York based on two - three students to each room
  - Return transfers from the airport in New York to the accommodation.
  - 4 x Theatre Tickets
  - Metro card for one week
  - Entrance into all sites and walks for the course



# WHAT'S NOT COVERED

- Food – while breakfast maybe included, it is usually only a muffin and coffee. Food is cheap in the USA, but you must tip 15-20% PLUS state tax.
- Visa Waver – c. \$16 USD
- Tipping
- We recommend that you have at least \$50 a day for expenses

# ALCOHOL

- Unless you are 21 years of age, New York state law does not allow you to drink alcohol.
- Students under 21 who drink alcohol on the trip will be sent back to Australia at their own expense.
- ACU takes no legal responsibility for the actions of students.



**ANY QUESTIONS?**