

Veranstalter	Prof. Dr. Astrid Böger
Thema	Love & Mercy: Toni Morrison's Recent Work [ENG-7, ENG-7a, AA-V4a, AA-V4b, ENG-13, AA-MA01, AA-MA02, AA-MA5, AA7, A11, LAA10, LAA13, AA-W. AA-WB]
Art der Veranstaltung	Seminar II
Veranstaltungsnummer	53-568
Zeit	Di 10-12
Raum	Ü35 - 01016
Beginn	17.10.17

Course Description:

Toni Morrison ranks among the foremost American writers today. While most people are familiar with (or have at least heard about) her novel *Beloved* (1987), which is widely considered a masterpiece that earned Morrison the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1993, our seminar will introduce students to Morrison's more recent work. In particular, we will thoroughly discuss three of her novels, *A Mercy* (2008), *Love* (2003), and *Home* (2012). Despite very different subject matter ranging from slavery to the trauma of the Vietnam War, all three novels take up and develop further Morrison's notion of 'rememory', or the living on of the past in the present, not least in the form of its literary representation. Due to its capacity to revisit past traumas, many readers find Morrison's work challenging, and students opting for this course have to prepare themselves accordingly. On a more practical level, a further aim of this course will be the use and critical appreciation of secondary sources, which will entail the reading and discussion of a variety of critical essays that have appeared in connection with Morrison's oeuvre.

Course Requirements:

Beyond a keen interest in the study of American literature and Toni Morrison's work in particular: Regular attendance, active reading and participation, response papers and/or an oral presentation, as well as a term paper of ca. 15 pages at the end of the course.

All students will be required to buy the following three novels by Morrison:

A Mercy (New York: Vintage International 2008; ISBN 978-0-307-47234-2)

Love (London: Vintage 2003; ISBN 978-0-099-45549-3)

Home (London: Vintage 2012; ISBN 978-0-099-55594-0)

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit	Mo 16-17 Uhr und nach Vereinbarung per Email
Sprechstunden während der vorlesungsfreien Zeit	Genaue Termine werden noch bekannt gegeben