

COURSE DETAIL

CHOICES: AGENCY, AUTONOMY AND ADDICTION

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

King's College London

Program(s)

King's College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Psychology

UCEAP Course Number

111

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

CHOICES: AGENCY, AUTONOMY AND ADDICTION

UCEAP Transcript Title

CHOICES:AGENCY&AUTO

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course explores the ways in which psychology allows us to understand the mechanisms behind the choices we make – including situations such as addiction, where people seem to have a reduced ability to choose. Across a series of lectures and seminars, students see how varied the approaches to this topic area can be, taking in attempts to measure the degree to which an action is freely willed, analysis of choices in terms of expected outcomes, the influence of environments (physical, informational and social) on your choices, habitual choices where we may not be aware of making them, and addiction to both substances and gambling, where people's short-term choices may directly conflict with their longer-term aims. Students learn how information from a range of approaches can be integrated to develop our understanding of the topic. In addition, through a series of practical sessions students design, implement, and report a novel piece of research on choice behavior.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

5PAHPGEN

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

King's College London

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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