

COURSE DETAIL

JAPANESE POPULAR MUSIC

Country

Japan

Host Institution

Waseda University

Program(s)

Waseda University

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Music Asian Studies

UCEAP Course Number

10

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

JAPANESE POPULAR MUSIC

UCEAP Transcript Title

JAPAN POPULAR MUSIC

UCEAP Quarter Units

3.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.00

Course Description

This course explores popular song as a mode of cultural expression in Japan since the Meiji period. Two main aspects are involved. The first is to examine the lyrics of (and listen to) a number of well-known popular songs, analyzing both form and content and exploring the connections (if any) with traditional poetic expression. The second is to place the songs in a historical and social context as a means of approaching the problem of cultural identity in modern Japan. Japanese-language ability is not automatically assumed, but a willingness to approach Japanese songs in the original is expected. Assessment: class participation, presentation with written summary.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

GENX201S

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

School of Political Science and Economics

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

General Studies

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