

# COURSE DETAIL

## INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN STUDIES

**Country**

Japan

**Host Institution**

International Christian University

**Program(s)**

International Christian University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Lower Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

American Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

50

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN STUDIES

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

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**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

2.70

## Course Description

This course introduces key concepts and methods in the study of American society, culture, and history through the lens of science fiction film and television. How do cultural works mediate the historical development of state power, categories of social difference, and our everyday understandings of political belonging and conflict?

The study focuses on prominent works of American science fiction: *The Twilight Zone* (1960, 1961), *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1978), *Blade Runner* (1982), *Night of the Living Dead* (1968), and *Get Out* (2017). These primary source materials will anchor our critical engagement with keywords in American Studies scholarship: nation, America, immigration, globalization, ethnicity, Orientalism, Asian, whiteness, white, Black, empire, state, racialization, diversity, and labor. Altogether, this course will familiarize us with the ideas that matter most for studying the United States through social, cultural, and political economic perspectives, while developing an analytical toolkit for narrative and film that you can use in a range of academic settings.

Students in this course should expect to watch one film every two weeks and to read five to 15 pages of American Studies scholarship every week. Students with or without prior study in American history and culture are welcome to take this class.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

AMS101E

## Host Institution Course Title

PRINCIPLES OF AMERICAN STUDIES

## Host Institution Course Details

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**Host Institution Campus**

International Christian University

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

American Studies

**Course Last Reviewed**

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