

COURSE DETAIL

URBAN STUDIES: TOKYO

Country

Japan

Host Institution

Waseda University

Program(s)

Waseda University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Urban Studies

UCEAP Course Number

101

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

URBAN STUDIES: TOKYO

UCEAP Transcript Title

URBAN STUDIES:TOKYO

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course examines one of the most complex products of society- the city, with the focus on the city of Tokyo. It takes a multidisciplinary approach to study the phenomenology of Tokyo at the meeting point between the built city and the personal urban experience. The course also looks at the creation and recreation of the city's physical texture, architecture, urban landscape, infrastructures and technology while at the same time, observing it as a social product determined by everyday life and habitual practices, the organization of the immediate surroundings, personal rites and the micro-politics of life in the city. In the same manner, the course looks at buildings and neighborhoods per se, as a material construct guided by geometry and legal code, while also recognizing how the pragmatics of this built environment interrelate with cultural systems such as literature and film, and with culture as a whole. The course also looks at how the city is not merely a reflection or expression of politics, but rather an intricate political apparatus in and of itself, influencing relationships and encouraging change.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ARTV381L

Host Institution Course Title

URBAN STUDIES: TOKYO

Host Institution Campus

Waseda University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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