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
SPECIAL TOPICS ON DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE

Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus
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Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

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