

COURSE DETAIL

CLASSICAL JAPANESE POETRY: HAIKU

Country

Japan

Host Institution

Waseda University

Program(s)

Waseda University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Japanese Comparative Literature

UCEAP Course Number

156

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CLASSICAL JAPANESE POETRY: HAIKU

UCEAP Transcript Title

HAIKU

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

In the Meiji period, many predicted that the traditional genre of the *haiku* would rapidly disappear as Japan transformed into a modern society. Contrary to this prediction, the *haiku* has proved to be widely popular, not only in modern Japan, but also outside the country, especially in North America. This phenomenon raises many questions. Are modern *haiku* the same as traditional *haiku*? Are *haiku* written in English the same as those written in Japanese? How far can a form of poetry change and yet still be regarded as the same form? This course answers these questions by surveying the historical development of the *haiku* from its roots in the medieval poetic form of the *renga* to contemporary *haiku* being written in Japan and abroad.

This course teaches the major conventions of the *haiku* form; the differences between classical *hokku* and modern *haiku*; the representative works of the major poets through the centuries and the ways in which *haiku* were understood and misunderstood when they were introduced to Western countries.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

LITJ331L

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