COURSE DETAIL

DIGITAL YOUTH CULTURES
Country Germany
Host Institution Free University of Berlin
Program(s) Free University Berlin
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology Communication
UCEAP Course Number 118
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title DIGITAL YOUTH CULTURES
UCEAP Transcript Title DIGITAL YOUTH CULTR
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

Digital media are an essential part of the lives of teenagers, as they are crucial elements of the social environment in which children grow up. Undoubtedly, adolescents play a key role in the popularity of various digital media sources and have a great influence on media trends, topics, and forms of expression. The complexity of the development and socialization of adolescents can be better understood when it comes to the influence of digital media, such as television and film, social networks, gaming, and music. This bachelor course approaches “youth” by exploring both how it relates to age and child development, but also how this implicitly evokes specific qualities in terms of gender, sexuality, class, race, ethnicity, nationality, and ability. The course examines digital media through the various types of content and technologies available, and critically examines who produces and consumes such media. The course asks questions about what media young people engage with and why, what media content they produce, how media impacts them, and what responsibility content creators and tech companies have in this regard. The course focuses on helping students develop a better understanding of how youth and other identities, such as gender or sexuality, are socially and culturally constructed, and assess the ways in which they are performed in a variety of youth cultures and subcultures. Each week the students engage with different media content and related digital platforms, and learn to critically examine how we can situate the concept of intersectionality in these. This in turn allows them to have a deep understanding of the roles that youth play politically, economically, and culturally.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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