COURSE DETAIL

LOVE, MARRIAGE AND SEX IN MODERN CHINA
Country Hong Kong
Host Institution University of Hong Kong
Program(s) University of Hong Kong
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology
UCEAP Course Number 12
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title LOVE, MARRIAGE AND SEX IN MODERN CHINA
UCEAP Transcript Title LOVE/MODERN CHINA
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description
This course provides an understanding of how love, sex, and marriage constitute a useful lens for understanding Chinese culture, thoughts, values, and ways of life. It provides a glimpse into the complex interconnections between political, cultural, economic, and interpersonal realms of experience. The course begins with issues that are personally relevant to young people – mate choice, love, marriage, sex, and family – with a view to helping to think about the historical and cultural roots of values concerning love, sexuality, marriage, and family life in China. In particular, the course examines the profound transformation in Chinese values, lifestyles, norms and desires, from Maoist utopianism to reform-era hedonism, brought about by market reforms and the opening of China. Through case studies of love and marriage in Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta, the course looks at the diverse characteristics of Chinese ways of life, and how Chinese people may currently experience love, sex, marriage and cross different types of borders and boundaries to look for intimacies. Documentary films are used to give a vivid sense of the different strategies modern Chinese men and women use to fulfill material, affective and sexual desires as a response to social changes.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus

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Common Core: China

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