# **COURSE DETAIL**

GENDER AND CULTURE	
<b>Country</b> Japan	
<b>Host Institution</b> Waseda University	
Program(s) Waseda University	
<b>UCEAP Course Level</b> Upper Division	
UCEAP Subject Area(s)	
<b>UCEAP Course Number</b> 110	
UCEAP Course Suffix	
UCEAP Official Title GENDER AND CULTURE	
UCEAP Transcript Title GENDER AND CULTURE	
<b>UCEAP Quarter Units</b> 6.00	
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00	

#### **Course Description**

This course introduces the idea of intersectionality in gender studies—in which the starting point is the idea that gender itself is largely a cultural construction and a phenomenon that intersects with other cultural constructs that societies have about race, age, nationality, body, sexuality, desire, ability, privilege, power, science and many other discourses. Indeed, gender is embedded so deeply in nearly everything we do and think that it is quite difficult to become conscious of the ways in which we literally gender our world and create hierarchies that empower some people and marginalize others. This course lends an awareness of how studying gender is essential to understanding society and making meaningful change in the world, and offers tools and language to analyze and critique gender and power in everyday life. "Gender Studies" itself is a very broad field—the approach we take is built on feminism, masculinities studies, and queer studies, and thus focus is especially on equality and being inclusive. Throughout the course, themes of bias, equality, hegemony, marginalization and minorities, social justice and human rights are examined. We also look especially at how gender studies is useful in thinking about Japanese history and histories of the larger Pacific and Asia region. Assessment: attendance and participation, 3 short essays, midterm, final.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

**Host Institution Course Number** 

CMFC221L

**Host Institution Course Title** 

**GENDER STUDIES 01** 

**Host Institution Course Details** 

**Host Institution Campus** 

**SILS** 

**Host Institution Faculty** 

**Host Institution Degree** 

## **Host Institution Department**

SILS - Culture

#### **Course Last Reviewed**

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