

## COURSE DETAIL

### GENETICS AND HUMAN NATURE

**Country**

Hong Kong

**Host Institution**

University of Hong Kong

**Program(s)**

University of Hong Kong

**UCEAP Course Level**

Lower Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Health Sciences Biological Sciences

**UCEAP Course Number**

25

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

GENETICS AND HUMAN NATURE

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

GENETICS/HUMAN NATR

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

5.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.30

## Course Description

The overall theme of this course is that genetics and evolution provide a useful perspective for understanding many important aspects of our lives, including our psychological makeup and how we relate to others. The course draws on multiple disciplines – genetics, evolution, mathematics, statistics and psychology – to address the following fundamental issues: how life is maintained from one generation to the next through genes, and how living organisms can adapt to the environment through changes in the genes; how human individual differences and groups in important domains such as personality, abilities and talents, and health are influenced by genetic and environmental differences; how the nature of humankind may have been shaped by our evolutionary past, and the implications this has on the future of our species. Required text: S. Pinker, THE BLANK SLATE: THE MODERN DENIAL OF HUMAN NATURE. Assessment: tutorial discussions, group presentation, blog contribution, in-class quizzes.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

CCST9025

## Host Institution Course Title

GENETICS AND HUMAN NATURE

## Host Institution Campus

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

Common Core: Scientific and Technological Literacy

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