

COURSE DETAIL

FAMILY AND SOCIETY

Country

Hong Kong

Host Institution

Chinese University of Hong Kong

Program(s)

Chinese University of Hong Kong

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)**UCEAP Course Number**

107

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

FAMILY AND SOCIETY

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

Family is recognized as the smallest unit of society providing individuals with financial and emotional support, and marriage as the means to make the unit. How the gender politics plays in the unit is a core interest to family studies. Along with industrialization and globalization, the formation of family has become diversified across cultures and generations. This phenomenon has attracted the public's attention and how it impacts our everyday life is worthy of more study. This course examines the social institution through introducing basic issues such as kinship system, different forms of marriage and family, gendered division of labor in the household, parenthood, family violence, and the impact of new technology on our understanding of family. In addition to introducing basic knowledge of family studies, this course singles out some controversial issues for discussion and provides interdisciplinary and cross-cultural perspectives to stimulate critical thinking. For example, we ask why and how the formation of marriage and family is socioculturally variable and seek to de-essentialize given concepts like motherhood and kinship. Throughout the semester, we utilize many empirical studies in different regions to illustrate our reconceptualization of family in today's highly globalized world.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

GDRS3009

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Gender Studies

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