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 FAMILY & SOCIETY
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
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Host Institution Campus

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