COURSE DETAIL

JAPANESE VISUAL CULTURE
Country Japan
Host Institution Waseda University
Program(s) Waseda University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Asian Studies Art History
UCEAP Course Number 103
UCEAP Course Suffix A
UCEAP Official Title JAPANESE VISUAL CULTURE
UCEAP Transcript Title JAPAN VISUAL CULTUR
UCEAP Quarter Units 3.00
UCEAP Semester Units

2.00

Course Description
The class introduces art history of Japan. The course looks at, thinks about and discusses works of art, or more broadly, visual culture, which have been historically and are currently associated with Japan. The main focus is what (if anything) is specifically Japanese about the making, appreciation and practice of visual culture from the past and present within and outside of Japan. In its application to Japanese culture, is such a national framework timeless or fluid, universally valid or variable, creatively fruitful or rather superficial? The class explores this set of large questions regarding various media of visual art, such as painting, graphic art, design, sculpture, calligraphy, ceramics, architecture, gardens, photography and manga through the following two venues: an introductory historical survey of the rise of new artistic tendencies of such a visual culture from the prehistoric period to the present within the current geopolitical territory of Japan, with some major considerations on how Japan's visual culture has interacted with the rest of the world over time; and a thematic approach, highlighting selected visual conventions in Japanese society across time that privilege certain materials, aesthetics, beliefs, and collecting and displaying customs, such as tea ceremony and Zen meditation.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
LANE301F

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INTENSIVE STUDIES 20 (INTRODUCTION TO JAPANESE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS 2) 3-1

Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus
Waseda University

Host Institution Faculty

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