COURSE DETAIL

COMPUTERS IN JAPANESE SOCIETY

Country
Japan

Host Institution
Keio University

Program(s)
Keio University

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Computer Science

UCEAP Course Number
100

UCEAP Course Suffix
W

UCEAP Official Title
COMPUTERS IN JAPANESE SOCIETY

UCEAP Transcript Title
COMPUTERS & JPN SOC

UCEAP Quarter Units
3.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.00

Course Description

This course introduces students to the fundamental theory and practice of the social, political, legal, and ethical implications of computer technologies in Japan and abroad. Through in-class activities, group assignments, and reflection work, students will gain a basic understanding of essential concepts, modern and historical cases, and guidelines for best practice. Key concepts include AI bias; privacy in the social media era; personal data and digital behavior tracking; vectors of misinformation; stereotypes in design, digital inclusion, and more. The main objective is to inform and encourage critical thinking in students who will be playing key roles in deciding, creating, marketing, governing, and disseminating computer technologies in Japan.

Typically, the first class each week will introduce a new topic, with interactive activities (e.g., hands-on demos, brainstorming, quick activities), individual reflection, and group discussion. Students will be given a homework assignment to be completed before the second class that week. That second class will start with a discussion of the homework and introduce the next topic for that week. Students will be expected to complete readings from the text and/or other sources before the next week of classes. Attendance is taken randomly in every class.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
N/A

Host Institution Course Title
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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus Keio University
Host Institution Faculty
Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department International Center
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