COURSE DETAIL

CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY
Country Japan
Host Institution International Christian University
Program(s) International Christian University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Psychology
UCEAP Course Number 123
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY
UCEAP Transcript Title CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.70

Course Description

This course is essentially a course in what is known as cultural (or cross-cultural) psychology. Cultural psychology is a subfield of psychology that emerged in the late 20th century as a response to the historic dominance of the Western--primarily, American--perspective in psychology. Of note, Japanese researchers played and continue to play a critical role in this field, as strong Japan-America ("Nichi-Bei") academic cooperation allows for easy comparisons and collaborations. But cultural psychology is much bigger than any two particular countries or cultures. Each and every society, and the societies within those societies, all contain powerful cultures that affect the very fabric of our thoughts, emotions, behaviors. In other words, we will look at the cultural roots of our beautiful and indispensable human diversity--the whole world over.

In addition to the topics mentioned in the basic description of the curriculum (perceptual and cognitive processes, human development, language, gender, social behavior, intercultural relations, and applied cultural psychology), we will examine the nature of culture itself. Throughout the course, we try to keep in mind big questions such as "What really is culture?" and "Why do human beings even have culture in the first place?" For more information on the kind of topics we will cover, please see the course textbook, "Cultural Psychology" by Steven Heine. Note, however, that topics will be organically updated to reflect current cultural issues and student interests.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
PSY261E

Host Institution Course Title
PSYCHOLOGY OF CULTURAL AND HUMAN DIVERSITY

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Host Institution Campus
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Psychology

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