

COURSE DETAIL

JAPANESE ARTS AND AESTHETIC

Country

Japan

Host Institution

Doshisha University

Program(s)

Japanese in Kyoto

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Asian Studies Art History

UCEAP Course Number

108

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

JAPANESE ARTS AND AESTHETIC

UCEAP Transcript Title

JPN ART & AESTHETIC

UCEAP Quarter Units

3.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.00

Course Description

A distinctive feature of Japanese cultural tradition is an aesthetic that favors the subtle, the condensed, the pure, and the ephemeral. This contrasts with the West, which finds beauty ideals in things that are large, rich, powerful, and rationally ordered. From bonsai to figurine, it is said that this characteristic has been passed down through repeated exchanges with China in ancient times and with the West in modern times.

This course considers the factors behind Japan's unique sense of beauty, centered on plastic arts, and what the results were, through comparison with those of the West and China. Taking advantage of the geographical advantage of studying in Kyoto, which has nurtured Japanese aesthetic traditions and produced excellent art, the course also includes a tour.

Language(s) of Instruction

Japanese

Host Institution Course Number

N/A

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://syllabus.doshisha.ac.jp/html/2023/9003/99003106051.html>

Host Institution Campus

Doshisha University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Center for Japanese Language and Culture

Course Last Reviewed

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