COURSE DETAIL

THE EVOLUTION OF CIVILIZATION
Country Hong Kong
Host Institution University of Hong Kong
Program(s) University of Hong Kong
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Anthropology
UCEAP Course Number 42
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title THE EVOLUTION OF CIVILIZATION
UCEAP Transcript Title EVOLUTION/CIVILIZTN
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description
This course draws on economics, evolutionary theory, and psychology to address such key issues as how did humans go from relatively isolated tribal life to an increasingly cooperative, interconnected, globalized world; and how can our knowledge of human nature and past progress be used to help solve major societal challenges? This course investigates natural selection as a useful framework for understanding how humans have progressed from subsisting in relatively isolated groups to where individuals are highly specialized in their productive efforts and highly integrated with the entire world through globalization. The course explores how this progression may be the result of genetic selection, but likely more the result of selection acting on ideas, or memes, rather than genes, but in an analogous manner. The course explores, through an understanding of human evolution, the origin of economic development. Combined with the psychological perspective of understanding the individual, we attempt to shed light on how complex civilization has come into existence. Lectures ask one or two main scientific questions and then focus on answering them, showing the types of evidence that can be used to address the question and the logical progression of ideas.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
CCGL9042

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Common Core: Global Issues

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