

COURSE DETAIL

GENDER STUDIES IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Country

Japan

Host Institution

Meiji Gakuin University

Program(s)

Global Studies, Japan

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Women's & Gender Studies Sociology

UCEAP Course Number

104

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

GENDER STUDIES IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

UCEAP Transcript Title

GENDER PACIFIC ISL

UCEAP Quarter Units

3.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.00

Course Description

This course is driven by very simple questions. What is gender? Does gender have only two categories as a man and woman? Or do we have another category? Sexual minorities have been growing in many countries as a worldwide debate ensues over their rights. The difficulty of legalization for same-sex marriage or prejudice and discrimination for sexual minorities remain around the world.

In Samoan culture, a “Third Gender” category exists for a biological man who considers himself as a woman. However, people of Samoa strongly insist that Samoan ways of “Third Gender” are not the same as “gay” or “transgender” as they are understood in the West. Through reading Margaret Mead’s “Coming Age of Samoa,” this course addresses these inquiries and their differences.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

KCGEN202

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Host Institution Campus

Yokohama

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

International Studies

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