COURSE DETAIL

SUGAR AND SPICE: COLONIALISM, CAPITALISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT
Country New Zealand
Host Institution University of Waikato
Program(s) University of Waikato
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History
UCEAP Course Number 120
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title SUGAR AND SPICE: COLONIALISM, CAPITALISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT
UCEAP Transcript Title COLN/CAPTIAL & ENV
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course examines the way that foods have been exchanged across the world, and the tensions between local and globalizing forces in shaping the way we eat over the last 500 years. Over the semester, we will move from the medieval spice trade to sugar and slavery in the Atlantic world, and from colonial New Zealand's role as Britain's farm to the global influence of McDonald's and fast food in the 20th century. Through the examination of important food staples, this course introduces students to food, commodities, and material culture as approaches to studying local, regional and global history from the early modern period until the twentieth century. During the course, we will reflect on why we each eat the way we do, and why food is such a powerful tool to understand and communicate cultural and economic change across time.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HISTY301

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Host Institution Campus
Hamilton

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Host Institution Degree

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