

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

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

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