

COURSE DETAIL

ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN LIFE

Country

Japan

Host Institution

International Christian University

Program(s)

International Christian University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

112

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN LIFE

UCEAP Transcript Title

ENVIRONMENT & HUMAN

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.70

Course Description

We are in the midst of unprecedented global environmental change. Rising temperatures and sea levels, unpredictable and increasingly volatile weather events, plant and animal extinctions, and continued human expansion and adaptation are all pressing matters for our current and future lives. How did we get here, what are the implications for human and nonhuman life, and where do we go from here?

This course draws on anthropological concepts and fieldwork findings to explore the complex and reciprocal relationships between humans and our environments. Students will be introduced to environmental anthropology and its potential for understanding not only nature, culture, and their relationship, but also possible solutions to issues related to life on a changed (and changing) planet.

Students will be introduced to the past, present, and potential future diversity of human-environment relations through topics including fungal networks, human-animal relationships, nonhuman persons, environmental politics, urban development, and of course, climate change. Through this, students will gain an appreciation for the diversity of human life, the environment, and our ways of being in the world, while also developing critical analytical skills beneficial for personal, activist, and academic success.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ANT205E

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Host Institution Campus

International Christian University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Anthropology

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