

## COURSE DETAIL

### DEVELOPMENTAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE ORIGINS OF HUMAN CULTURE

**Country**

Australia

**Host Institution**

University of Queensland

**Program(s)**

University of Queensland

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Psychology Anthropology

**UCEAP Course Number**

142

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

DEVELOPMENTAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE ORIGINS OF HUMAN CULTURE

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

ORIGINS: HMN CULTR

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

### **Course Description**

We all prepare food, play cooperative games, romance each other etc. But how we do so depends on our cultural background—we are, by far, the world’s most ‘cultural animal’. So what was the “X-factor”, the magic ingredient of culture that took humans out of the general run of mammals and other highly social organisms? By emphasizing research in developmental psychology and integrating perspectives from comparative, social and evolutionary psychology this course explores contemporary answers to this question. We will be focusing on how an understanding of social and observational learning is critical to any answer, and to do so we will study the following populations: (a) typically developing infants and children; (b) children with autism; (c) adults; (d) non-human primates; and (e) other animals.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

PSYC3282

### **Host Institution Course Title**

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### **Host Institution Campus**

St. Lucia

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

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