

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

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Host Institution Campus

St. Lucia

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