

## COURSE DETAIL

### RUBBISH!

**Country**

Germany

**Host Institution**

Humboldt University Berlin

**Program(s)**

Humboldt University Berlin

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Sociology Environmental Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

127

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

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

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**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

## Course Description

This seminar takes a deep dive into histories and theories of rubbish, discards and waste, from the proposition that to be human is to make waste, through to the claim that humans can 'design out waste' in order to survive. Questions include when and where does something become rubbish, and how can its value be transformed? What does it mean to waste something, and when does waste become 'toxic'? This course examines how the politics of waste and its (mis)management lie at the heart of contemporary debates concerning environmental degradation, social and economic injustice, and the planetary crisis humans face.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

532834

### Host Institution Course Title

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### Host Institution Campus

### Host Institution Faculty

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

Institut für Kulturwissenschaft

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