COURSE DETAIL

WAYS OF THINKING ABOUT SOCIETY AND CULTURE
Country Hong Kong
Host Institution University of Hong Kong
Program(s) University of Hong Kong
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Comparative Literature
UCEAP Course Number 30
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title WAYS OF THINKING ABOUT SOCIETY AND CULTURE
UCEAP Transcript Title SOCIETY & CULTURE
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description

This course introduces ways of thinking about culture and society in an international frame. “Culture” and “society” are familiar yet difficult terms. The main purpose of this class is to arrive at a sense of why each of them represents something important, something that speaks to everyday, real life and not just the dominant accounts of what is going on. It will introduce students to some of the key terms, techniques, and interpretive strategies that enable them to think about culture and society in complex ways. Thinking in this sense means being familiar with a range of concepts, issues, and “isms” and being able to relate them to other texts and problems. But to think is also to read. Thus we will also study the ways of reading in its broadest and narrowest senses – how we make sense of texts and problems and do “readings” of them. To do this we must place texts into their contexts and analyze them rhetorically. This includes the ability to do “practical criticism” or “close reading” – to make advanced sense of the words on the page, or what people actually say and do.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
CLIT1010

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Host Institution Campus
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Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
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