

# COURSE DETAIL

## RUBBISH ANTHROPOLOGY

**Country**

United Kingdom - Scotland

**Host Institution**

University of St Andrews

**Program(s)**

University of St Andrews

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Anthropology

**UCEAP Course Number**

120

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

RUBBISH ANTHROPOLOGY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

RUBBISH/ANTHROPOLOGY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

12.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

8.00

## Course Description

Waste and recycling seem like every-day, if important, issues with which we are all familiar. But do we actually know what waste is? This course introduces students to the anthropological study of waste, an area that straddles politics, economy, and the environment. Early anthropological studies focused on issues such as the symbolic pollution beliefs associated with persons and substances within a coherent cultural framework. A more recent and clearly defined "anthropology of waste" has taken discards and the regimes of production, labor, and value that generates them, as its central areas of study. This course introduces key theoretical understandings of waste alongside compelling ethnographic accounts of waste work that involves both dignity and discrimination, citizenship, and segregation.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

SA4068

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## Host Institution Campus

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

Social Anthropology

## Course Last Reviewed

2024-2025

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