

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

Host Institution Course Title

RUBBISH ANTHROPOLOGY

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Social Anthropology

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