COURSE DETAIL

CULTURE IN CONTEXT

Country
Japan

Host Institution
Waseda University

Program(s)
Waseda University

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number
106

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
CULTURE IN CONTEXT

UCEAP Transcript Title
CULTURE IN CONTEXT

UCEAP Quarter Units
3.00

UCEAP Semester Units
2.00

Course Description

This interactive lecture-based course seeks to identify what it is people mean when they invoke the term "culture." It critiques "culture" in different contexts to examine whether it is a defensible position to justify the activities of different actors, while examining our own position, critique it, then develop a defensible stance that defines and understands culture/s. Students consider how culture is transmitted, how it evolves, the different values it promotes, whether culture has boundaries, and critique the concepts of gender and nationality in culture.

The course focuses on: 1) Identity, considering how culture/s use tools to create and maintain individual and group identity; (2) Cultural Legitimacy, where the ideas of cultural relativism, consumerism (Pop v Mass) are addressed; (3) Language, examining how cultures utilize the media and discourse to reinforce values; (4) Taboo, wherein the class critiques real world contemporary examples that may challenge one's values, ethics and morality; (5) Reflection on the way human brains process and make sense of the information in the worlds society creates, and (6) technologies, through application to contemporary and future societies.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
CMFC231L

Host Institution Course Title
CULTURE IN CONTEXT 4TH

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