

COURSE DETAIL

JAPANESE SCI-FI

Country

Japan

Host Institution

Keio University

Program(s)

Keio University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Japanese

UCEAP Course Number

163

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

JAPANESE SCI-FI

UCEAP Transcript Title

JAPANESE SCI-FI

UCEAP Quarter Units

3.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.00

Course Description

This course explores the world of Japanese Science Fiction primarily from a literary point of view but also includes pop cultural media such as anime and manga which oftentimes employ the same narratives and imaginaries and have significantly contributed to Japanese Sci-Fi's world renown. Tracing back the origins of Japanese Sci-Fi to ancient myths and early 20th century pioneers, the course then delves into the rich Sci-Fi scene that developed after the Postwar era, featuring Japan's 'three greatest Sci-Fi writers' and their lasting impact.

The course also focuses on groundbreaking Sci-Fi works from Japanese pop culture, contrasting popular formats such as light novels and web novels with Sci-Fi elements in canonized authors' works, and explores the multifaceted relationship between Japanese Sci-Fi and technological innovation. Moreover, the course analyzes Western sources of inspirations that have impacted Japanese Sci-Fi while critically examining Western, cyberpunk stereotypes of Japan as a futuristic nation.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

N/A

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Keio University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

International Center

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