

COURSE DETAIL

CULTURE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Country

Australia

Host Institution

University of New South Wales

Program(s)

University of New South Wales

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Political Science International Studies

UCEAP Course Number

138

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CULTURE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

UCEAP Transcript Title

CULTR &HUMAN RIGHTS

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course examines the rise of human rights discourse and its relationship to other discourses on suffering and social justice. It focuses on the experience of victims of human rights abuse and the politics of meaning. Students will engage in critiques of law as a reductionist discourse on the social by exploring the relationships between human rights and cultural differences such as gender, ethnicity, religion and indigenous cultures. The embodied self, social interdependency and the architecture of social institutions are the backdrop through which the course explores the tensions between universal and relativist understandings of human rights and their realization. Students will be introduced to the fundamentals of human rights, the global human rights machinery, and the ethics of humanitarian intervention, and will consider how sociologists have studied and written about human rights.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ARTS3874

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Sydney

Host Institution Faculty

Arts, Design and Architecture

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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