# COURSE DETAIL

## LIFE AND DEATH OF LANGUAGES: DIVERSITY, IDENTITY AND GLOBALIZATION

**Country**
Hong Kong

**Host Institution**
University of Hong Kong

**Program(s)**
University of Hong Kong

**UCEAP Course Level**
Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**
Sociology Linguistics International Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**
138

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

**UCEAP Official Title**
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**UCEAP Transcript Title**
LANG DIV/ID/GLOBAL

**UCEAP Quarter Units**
5.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.30

**Course Description**

This course critically examines the issue of endangered languages, focusing on the impacts of globalization, ethnic identity, and language policies on language survival. It explores historical and contemporary factors, including population movements, war, trade, and colonization, that have shaped linguistic diversity. The course investigates why a small number of global languages dominate while thousands of minor languages face decline, and considers debates around language preservation, revitalization, and the pressures of modernity. Students analyze the political, cultural, and educational forces that influence language use and endangerment, developing insight into the tension between preserving linguistic heritage and adapting to a globalized world.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
CCGL9024

**Host Institution Course Title**
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**Host Institution Course Details**
https://www4.hku.hk/pubunit/drcd/files/ugdr2025-26/All/Common_Core.pdf

**Host Institution Campus**

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**
Common Core

**Course Last Reviewed**

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