COURSE DETAIL

CAPITALISM AND WORK

Country
United Kingdom - England

Host Institution
University of Manchester

Program(s)
University of Manchester

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Sociology

UCEAP Course Number
148

UCEAP Course Suffix
N

UCEAP Official Title
CAPITALISM AND WORK

UCEAP Transcript Title
CAPITALISM & WORK

UCEAP Quarter Units
8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course offers an examination of the nature of work in capitalist societies. The first half of the course builds a picture of the development of contemporary, global capitalism. The course make sense of the nature of capitalism, and its periods of transformation, through looking at institutions, culture and periods of crisis. In the second half of the course, the course turns to an examination of work. Work is presented as a highly pervasive institution, structuring life experience within and beyond the workplace. Observing the nature of work over time also reveals transformations in the operation of power in the workplace, in the way work is organized, and in the cultural values typically attached to work. The course presents these changes, and explains them via the large-scale structural aspects of capitalism covered in the first half of the course. In this way, students can connect macro-level social theory with micro-level depictions of life experience, and thus see how capitalism matters for our everyday lives.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
SOCY20031

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Host Institution Course Details
https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-exchange/unit-sea...

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Sociology

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