

COURSE DETAIL

MUSIC AND CULTURE ALONG THE SILK ROAD

Country

Japan

Host Institution

Waseda University

Program(s)

Waseda University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Music

UCEAP Course Number

110

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

MUSIC AND CULTURE ALONG THE SILK ROAD

UCEAP Transcript Title

MUS&CLTR:SILK ROAD

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course explores the rich musical and cultural traditions of the Silk Road, a vast network of trade routes connecting East Asia, the Mediterranean, and Europe. The course examines how the Silk Road facilitated the exchange of goods, ideas, and music, shaping world history and cultural development. Through the study of musical genres, styles, and instruments from across the region, the course investigates how music intersects with identity, power, and diplomacy across geographical and historical boundaries. The course also looks at similar cross-cultural projects happening today, such as the Yo-Yo Ma Silk Road initiative.

The course features live performances and interactive workshops, as well as instruments from different regions. No musical background is necessary.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

CMFE341L

Host Institution Course Title

SPECIAL TOPIC ON MUSIC AND MUSICOLOGY: MUSIC AND CULTURE ALONG THE SILK ROAD

Host Institution Course Details

<http://www.wsl.waseda.jp/syllabus/JAA104.php?pKey=210EX42400512025210EX4240021&...>

Host Institution Campus

Waseda University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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