COURSE DETAIL

SMILE! TEETH AND SOCIETY
Country Hong Kong
Host Institution University of Hong Kong
Program(s) University of Hong Kong
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology Biological Sciences
UCEAP Course Number 27
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title SMILE! TEETH AND SOCIETY
UCEAP Transcript Title TEETH AND SOCIETY
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description

This course explores how literature, cinema, history, biology, anatomy, pathology, catastrophic events, and cultural diversity have been shaped and driven by teeth, the face, and the human smile. Using the "smile" and “teeth” as focal points, a host of different relations with society will be explored to create a critical understanding around ambiguous issues such as the concept of beauty, the changing nature of health, and the relationship between the “natural” and the “artificial”. Additionally, by using active learning as a vector, students broaden their perspectives and enhance their collaborative, innovative, and self-directed spirits. Thus, by examining the history and current understanding of the "smile" and "teeth", the course illuminates the relationships between science, technology, and everyday life in a cross-cultural context. How can a smile impact a society?

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
CCST9072

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Common Core

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