

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

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

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