

COURSE DETAIL

BLUE HUMANITIES: HUMANITIES AND THE SEA

Country

New Zealand

Host Institution

Victoria University of Wellington

Program(s)

Victoria University of Wellington

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Environmental Studies Earth & Space Sciences Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

121

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

BLUE HUMANITIES: HUMANITIES AND THE SEA

UCEAP Transcript Title

HUMANITIES&THE SEA

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course examines the study of the ‘blue’ spaces of our planet—oceans, rivers, reefs, and inland bodies of water—through case studies in the arts and literature. Using the vantage point in Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa, “The Great Connector”, it considers environments and peoples whose lives are explicitly connected with and determined by the ocean. It considers kinship, sovereignty, and belonging through aesthetic, historical, religious, political, social, and material manifestations. Situated around issues of ocean acidification, pollution, and sea-level rise, it critically reflects on ways the humanities can improve our knowledge of cultures, histories, publics and practices of the blue planet.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

EHUM201

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/courses/ehum/201>

Host Institution Campus

Kelburn

Host Institution Faculty

Humanities and Social Sciences

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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