

COURSE DETAIL

TOPICS ON JAPANESE MYTHOLOGICAL LITERATURE AND ARTS

Country

China

Host Institution

Peking University, Beijing

Program(s)

Peking University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Classics Asian Studies

UCEAP Course Number

135

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

JAPANESE MYTH& ART

UCEAP Quarter Units

3.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.00

Course Description

This course is based on Mr. Yuan Ke's theory of general mythology, collectively referring to narrative broad supernatural beings and phenomena (including gods, ghosts, monsters, strange phenomena, etc.), and various types of literary works with mythological elements as mythological literature. This course selects classic storylines from ancient Japanese mythology, teaches their main content and cultural significance, and then sorts out the derivatives and changes of these stories from medieval Japan to modern times, as well as the mythological stories that appeared after the Middle Ages and their evolving forms in later generations, such as the folklore of bronze mirrors, fox legends, etc.; it showcases the dissemination and variation of Chinese mythological legends and bizarre literature in Japan, and deeply analyzes the influence between mythological literature in China and Japan. The texts involved in this course are diverse, including literary works, historical documents, theater images such as Jyouri plays, Kabuki, and artworks. Through fascinating and interesting stories, students are guided to think about the relationship between mythological literature and social evolution, and the changes in ideological concepts, to grasp the characteristics of Japanese culture, and to understand the important influence of Chinese culture on Japanese mythological literature.

Language(s) of Instruction

Chinese

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department
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