

# COURSE DETAIL

## PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE AND ETHICS

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Utrecht University

**Program(s)**

Utrecht University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Philosophy Environmental Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

115

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE AND ETHICS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

PHIL SCIENCE&ETHICS

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

When analyzing an elephant with only a microscope, you won't easily grasp the big picture. That is the risk of scientific specialization. This course is about zooming out, looking for the big picture, and reflecting on the relations between science and ethics. First, the course analyzes the scientific method. How does science work? What is the difference between scientific and pseudo-scientific knowledge claims? Second, the course reflects on the moral question "How are we to live?", and the political philosophical question "What is a just society?". Third, the course focuses on two important moral issues: the humans-non human animals relation, and the humans-nature relation, which addresses the environmental problems including climate change.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

GEO2-2142

## Host Institution Course Title

PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE AND ETHICS

## Host Institution Campus

Geosciences

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

Innovation, Environmental, and Energy Sciences

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