

# COURSE DETAIL

## CRIME AND CONTEXT: THE ORIGINS OF CRIME AND VIOLENCE

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Utrecht University - University College Utrecht

**Program(s)**

University College Utrecht

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Sociology Psychology

**UCEAP Course Number**

108

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

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

CRIME & CONTEXT

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## **Course Description**

This course examines psychological and biosocial theories of crime which help explain aggressive and violent behavior. The course searches for the origins of criminal behavior in biological, psychological, learning, and situational factors, and looks at the link between mental illness and crime. Next, the general theories of aggression and those related to specific forms of violent crimes are studied. The study of a particular crime covers the theories, precipitating factors, relationship between victim and offender, and impact upon the victim. Criminologists, among others, study violent behavior in an attempt to identify biological triggers, risk factors, developmental patterns, or learned cues which may help handle the behavior. These markers and factors are examined, along with the treatment paradigms that have been designed to prevent, control, and treat perpetrators (and victims) of domestic and family violence and sexual offenses. Students complete assigned readings for discussion in class where active student participation is required.

## **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

## **Host Institution Course Number**

UCSSCPSY34

## **Host Institution Course Title**

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## **Host Institution Campus**

Social Science

## **Host Institution Faculty**

## **Host Institution Degree**

## **Host Institution Department**

Psychology

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