

## COURSE DETAIL

### THE SOCIAL STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS: BETWEEN NATURE, SOCIETY, AND POLITICS

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Maastricht University – University College Maastricht

**Program(s)**

University College Maastricht

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Sociology Environmental Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

110

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

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

SOCIALSTUDYENVIRONM

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

**Course Description**

This course probes the entanglements of nature, society, and politics through which the environment is formed, experienced, problematized, interpreted, contested, and governed in different sociocultural contexts. It develops a critical perspective on the dominant patterns of industrial production and consumption and asks how our societies can be made more sustainable. The course draws on insights from environmental history, environmental sociology, science and technology studies, sustainability studies, and recent debates on the "Anthropocene". Thereby, it seeks to complement the fact-oriented perspective of the natural sciences with a reflective understanding of the politics through which our knowledge (and non-knowledge) of the environment is formed. The course is structured in four sections. The first three focus on one core domain of nature-society-politics: the risks of industrial production; biodiversity and land; global climate change. The final section reflects on how we can move from these insights toward a comprehensive understanding and transformative politics of the Anthropocene.

**Language(s) of Instruction**

English

**Host Institution Course Number**

SSC3006

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**Host Institution Campus**

Maastricht University

**Host Institution Faculty**

University College Maastricht

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

Social Sciences

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