

COURSE DETAIL

URBAN GOVERNANCE

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Utrecht University

Program(s)

Utrecht University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science Geography Environmental Studies

UCEAP Course Number

132

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

URBAN GOVERNANCE

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

Cities around the world are confronted with major problems concerning economic development, sustainability, social inclusion, safety and transport. This course does not focus exclusively on local governments but studies the city – i.e. the variety of private businesses, NGOs, citizens, stakeholders etc. – as a problem solving system. Using a combination of insights from public administration, political science, and urban studies, students discuss five perspectives on urban governance reflecting different ways to deal with the challenges that cities are facing: the managerial city, corporatist governance, pro-growth governance, welfare governance, and smart governance (including the role of ICT and network governance). The perspectives are used to analyze the variety of urban governance practices both in the Netherlands and around the world: the course has both a local and a global focus. The course introduces students to urban governance in Utrecht and other cities in the Netherlands, but also other European countries, the US, India, and China. International students are invited to present material concerning cities in their own countries to enrich learning about urban governance in this course. This course uses different formats, including lectures about the literature and brief presentations by the students in which they relate the literature to empirical examples in cities. Guest lectures go deeper into the practical aspects of urban governance in different contexts. In concluding presentations, students present an analysis of urban governance in two comparable cities. The idea of these presentations is that contrasting cities helps to study mechanisms of urban governance and assess the merits and drawbacks of different approaches.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

USG4440

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

Law, Economics and Governance

Host Institution Faculty
Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department Governance

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