COURSE DETAIL

HUMAN SECURITY: POVERTY

Country Netherlands

Host Institution Leiden University College

Program(s) Leiden University College

UCEAP Course Level Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology Economics

UCEAP Course Number 146

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title HUMAN SECURITY: POVERTY

UCEAP Transcript Title HUMN SECURTY:POVRTY

UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00

UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course explores the multi-dimensional nature and experience of poverty and vulnerability and the complex ways the poor try to navigate various socio-cultural, political, and economic landscapes in search of social protection, poverty alleviation, and upward mobility. Through group simulation exercises and detailed case studies of different poor groups in The Hague, students are challenged to critically reflect on: 1) the meanings and experiences of poverty and vulnerability, 2) its impacts on various facets of life, 3) debates around the root causes of poverty, and 4) the various formal and informal systems of multi-sectoral social protection offered through state welfare systems, non-profit organizations, the private sector, and community and family arrangements. Combining theory, experiential and practical peer-learning, and fieldwork, students are given the tools to contemplate the contours for promising approaches toward alleviating global poverty. This is an intensive course in which LUC students engage in a larger teaching/research project on poverty and vulnerability in The Hague. Students should be motivated to work in groups, do primary data collection in The Hague, and engage with potential project partners. The course attempts to foster creativity and initiative.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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Host Institution Campus LUC The Hague- Level 3

Host Institution Faculty

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