

# COURSE DETAIL

## ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

**Country**

Norway

**Host Institution**

University of Oslo

**Program(s)**

University of Oslo

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Sociology Environmental Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

123

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

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

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**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

## Course Description

This course focuses on human-environment relationships and their implications for nature and society. Scientific concepts such as the “Anthropocene” and “planetary boundaries,” which are increasingly used to describe the nature and extent of contemporary environmental challenges, are explored from a social science perspective. The issue of climate change is a focal point for examining the drivers and consequences of environmental change, including relationships to processes such as globalization, urbanization, and land use changes. Social science perspectives on topics such as consumption, energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, impacts, vulnerability, resilience, adaptation, and mitigation are discussed and related to the broader debates about transitions and transformations to sustainability. The lectures, readings, and seminars explore how environmental discourses influence understandings and responses to contemporary environmental problems, including the role of beliefs, values, and worldviews in shaping the rules, norms, institutions, policies, and power relationships, which can either promote or constrain practical responses to environmental challenges. Students actively engage with debates on and experiments with individual and collective change, and explore what alternative approaches and paradigms have to offer.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

SGO2302

## Host Institution Course Title

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## Host Institution Course Details

## Host Institution Campus

Social Sciences

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

**Host Institution Department**  
Sociology and Human Geography

**Course Last Reviewed**

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