

## COURSE DETAIL

### URBAN POLITICAL ECOLOGY

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

University College London

**Program(s)**

University College London

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Urban Studies Geography

**UCEAP Course Number**

145

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

URBAN POLITICAL ECOLOGY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

URBAN POLITCAL ECOL

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

This course surveys the growing subfield of urban political ecology. In particular, it focuses on the material and social flows of 'stuff' that circulate to, through, and beyond the city. Water, sewage, electricity, garbage, plastic, carbon, and much more are all pumped, diverted, quarantined, cleansed, financed, regulated, produced, and consumed via cities. This 'metabolism' of material things produces varying qualities and outcomes of urban life. These flows and their outcomes are the course's central focus, framing as urban metabolism the complex, uneven, and surprising journeys, infrastructures, transformations, politics, histories, labor, and expertise required for these flows. Drawing on a diverse set of academic, journalistic, video, textual, and audio course material, the course traces the pathways of material things through cities and their hinterlands worldwide, unpacking how their flows are constructed and regulated, financed, and managed, and contested and politicized.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

GEOG0062

### Host Institution Course Title

URBAN POLITICAL ECOLOGY

### Host Institution Campus

University College London

### Host Institution Faculty

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

Geography

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