COURSE DETAIL

INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Leiden University College
Program(s) Leiden University College
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 100
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
UCEAP Transcript Title INSTITUTION GOV&DEV
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
Global challenges are nearly all at some level issues of governance and development. This course considers the following questions: Why are some countries poor while others are wealthy? Why do well-established seemingly well-functioning countries not tackle serious challenges like climate change more aggressively? Why are human rights enforced by governments in some countries, while not in others? Why are some diverse communities pacific and cooperative, while others are divisive and violent? This course aims to provide students with a foundational understanding of how to tackle these questions. This course does this by introducing students to the institutional perspective, which focuses on the formal and informal rules that structure human interaction. Development of communities across time provides strong testable inferences about the origins of problems. More importantly, perhaps, the institutional perspective suggests an avenue by which we can look for solutions to these challenges because many institutions are of intentional human design, and thus can be designed differently. In other cases, a scientific understanding of the constraints facing human individuals may not point the way to solutions, but at least suggest which solutions are unlikely to work or worse, may have less desirable consequences.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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Host Institution Campus

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Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Governance, Economics, and Development

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