

COURSE DETAIL

CAPITALISM AND DEMOCRACY

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

University College Dublin

Program(s)

University College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

115

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CAPITALISM AND DEMOCRACY

UCEAP Transcript Title

CAPITALISM&DEMOCRACY

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.70

Course Description

Why are some countries rich, and some countries poor? What are the political consequences of the eurozone crisis? To what extent is socio-economic inequality shaping electoral politics today? This course introduces students to the politics of socio-economic inequality in advanced capitalist societies. The focus of the course is on the different ways in which governments have sought to promote economic growth and redistribute resources in favor of different political interests. The course presents key concepts and theories in the study of capitalist development, and uses these to explain economic inequality in Europe and the USA. Key themes include the politics of inequality, globalization, technology, democracy, social class, the influence of business power over public policy, the international financial crisis, populism, nationalism, and the eurozone crisis.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

POL20180

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Host Institution Campus

UC Dublin

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Politics

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