

COURSE DETAIL

GENOCIDE STUDIES

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Leiden University College

Program(s)

Leiden University College

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science International Studies

UCEAP Course Number

155

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

GENOCIDE STUDIES

UCEAP Transcript Title

GENOCIDE STUDIES

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course focuses on mass atrocities (large scale and systematic human rights violations, in particular genocide). Typically these type of violations are framed as international crimes such as genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, torture, or enforced disappearance. Mass murders and genocides are not a new phenomenon. In the twentieth century as well as in this century, war and terror has killed millions, mostly unarmed civilians. It has been estimated that in the last century approximately 191 million persons lost their lives due to collective violence. This course discusses the specific character of mass atrocity. The first part looks at the causes and processes of genocide and other mass atrocities. It deals with the questions of what type of violence constitutes atrocity, what causes it, and how it evolves. The course looks at ideology, propaganda, perpetrators, and specific cases. In the second part of the course, the focus shifts towards the questions of whether mass atrocities can be prevented, and, if so, how. The role of the international community and international criminal prosecutions are considered. The end of the course brings everything together and looks at the future of mass atrocities. Prerequisite for this course is an intermediate level course on world politics.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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Host Institution Campus

LUC The Hague- Level 3

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

World Politics

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