

# COURSE DETAIL

## CRIMINOLOGY OF THE BORDERS

**Country**

Italy

**Host Institution**

University of Bologna

**Program(s)**

University of Bologna

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Sociology Political Science International Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

189

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

CRIMINOLOGY OF THE BORDERS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

CRIMINOLOGY BORDERS

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

## Course Description

This is a graduate level course that is part of the Laurea Magistrale program. The course is intended for advanced level students only. Enrollment is by consent of the instructor. The course is designed to give students a general overview and understanding of the international and European criminological debate concerning border control and a detailed knowledge of key topics and key scholars in the field. Students are expected to be able to combine their knowledge of different contexts and disciplinary approaches when analyzing border policies. The goal of the course is that students acquire the competencies and knowledge necessary to analyze critically the contemporary policies of border control in different contexts, also in view of possible fields of work and research: border police, the role and functioning of administrative detention and deportation, the international relations of the externalization of borders, the use of criminal law in border control. The field known as "border criminology" is a new field of research which has emerged during the course of the last five years or so, especially driven by scholars as Mary Bosworth, Katja Franko Aas, Vanessa Barker, Leanne Weber among others. The label of "border criminology" identifies the body of criminological literature concerned with borders, and, more specifically, with how border control is bringing about important changes in the field of Criminal justice and punishment. The course first introduces students to the theoretical key concepts in border criminology: Illegality and deportability, border performativity, "crimmigration", differential inclusion, borders and boundaries. In the second part of the course, the key topics of border criminology are discussed through empirical and theoretical research carried out in different contexts. The approach developed in the course sees the law, policies, and discourses as entrenched factors in driving the mechanisms of border control. Great importance is given to the role of gender, class, and race in the law-making and law-enforcement activities, and to the transnational dimension of border control. Specific topics include: the internalization and externalization of border control; human and sexual trafficking; border policing; administrative detention; deportation policies, readmission agreements, and international relations; asylum seekers and

the reception system; surveillance technologies in border control; migrant struggles and crimes of solidarity; the nexus between migration and terrorism; borders as punishment and the changing role of the State in globalization.

**Language(s) of Instruction**

English

**Host Institution Course Number**

87161

**Host Institution Course Title**

CRIMINOLOGY OF THE BORDERS

**Host Institution Campus**

SCIENZE POLITICHE

**Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

International Relations

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