

COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO U.S. AND GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Free University of Berlin

Program(s)

Free University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History American Studies

UCEAP Course Number

128

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

INTRODUCTION TO U.S. AND GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY

UCEAP Transcript Title

US&GLOBAL ENV HIST

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course is designed to introduce students to environmental history, focusing on North America and its global environmental policies since the nineteenth century. Topics covered include: how historians write environmental history; North American views and perceptions of environmental challenges; who contributes to environmental perception changes and why; the role of nature in North American history. Exploring ideas, discourses, practices, and policies of individuals as well as state and non-state actors like the Sierra Club, Greenpeace, and international organizations, the course explores themes such as the history of the National Park movement, natural disasters, the post-1945 age of DDT and Agent Orange, the global history of hazardous waste, environmental security, the promotion of sustainability and “green cities,” and global climate change policies. In addition, the course includes field trips to discuss current issues such as global climate change policies with practitioners.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

32403

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Host Institution Campus

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