

## COURSE DETAIL

### PUBLIC OPINION AND POLITICAL BEHAVIOR

**Country**

Norway

**Host Institution**

University of Oslo

**Program(s)**

University of Oslo

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

106

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

PUBLIC OPINION AND POLITICAL BEHAVIOR

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

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**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

## Course Description

The course is organized around three major themes: values, voting, and trust. The first theme concerns citizens' belief systems, notably their political attitudes and values: how are these structured, what explains them, how are they changing? The second theme concerns electoral behavior: why do people vote (or not) at all, and if they do, how do they choose among the parties? Finally, the course covers generalized "political trust" in democratic institutions and processes. Is political trust on the decline, and if so where and why? What are the broader consequences of political trust for politics and society? In all three parts, the course emphasizes the interplay between citizens and political parties: how do these affect and react to each other? In each part, moreover, the course considers a variety of explanatory factors, including deep-seated explanations connected to social background (e.g. class, education, gender) as well as more short-term explanations (e.g. election campaigns, fluctuating economic interests, and the performance of the incumbent government).

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

STV2330

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PUBLIC OPINION AND POLITICAL BEHAVIOR

### Host Institution Campus

### Host Institution Faculty

Social Sciences

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

Political Science

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