COURSE DETAIL

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Utrecht University
Program(s) Utrecht University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) International Studies Environmental Studies
UCEAP Course Number 134
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
UCEAP Transcript Title ENVMT IMPACT ASSMNT
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
This course provides a relevant foundation for policy-making, sustainable development, and environmental law. The course focuses on the differences between Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). The course considers international development and how each instrument is made operational in the European Union as well as various other countries, including developing countries. The course presents impact prediction methods, how these methods are used, and the possibilities and limitations to predicting impacts on the environment. The course divides environmental and social aspects into the following themes: water, soil, biodiversity, climate change, social impact assessment, human rights, and cultural heritage. The course emphasizes the possibilities for mitigation and compensation of project impacts. Finally, the course critically discusses the quality and added value of EIA and SEA through aspects such as context, participation, communication, influence on decision making, and quality criteria.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
GEO3-2123

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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus
Utrecht University

Host Institution Faculty
Geosciences

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Sustainable Development

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