COURSE DETAIL

PUNISHMENT AND SOCIAL CONTROL
Country Ireland
Host Institution University College Dublin
Program(s) University College Dublin
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology
UCEAP Course Number 105
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title PUNISHMENT AND SOCIAL CONTROL
UCEAP Transcript Title PUNSHMNT/SOC CONTRL
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.70

Course Description
For any society, the question of social control is crucial. How should societies respond to deviance and/or law-breaking? How is order to be maintained and who should have responsibility for this? What processes or institutional forms should it take? What powers and sanctions should be involved? What outcomes should be sought? And also of course, how do these issues relate to wider debates about justice, equality, and inclusion/exclusion? This course addresses these and related questions by examining, in broad terms, the nature of punishment and social control. The course begins by considering how social control has developed historically and comparatively, and highlighting that law is only one of a range of methods of social control. Students examine the ways in which a range of social theorists have analyzed social control, particularly through the role of punishment. The course then considers the development and role of different institutions in modern society, including the penal system and the police. Students explore various aspect of these institutions, how they operate, and the impact they have on different sections of society. The course concludes by examining a range of contemporary trends in social control and assessing their wider implications.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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