

COURSE DETAIL

PACIFIC POLITICS

Country

Australia

Host Institution

Australian National University

Program(s)

International Security

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

125

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

PACIFIC POLITICS

UCEAP Transcript Title

PACIFIC POLITICS

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

The success of politics and political systems in the Pacific Islands is measured by their capacity to deliver development in poor states. This dynamic is explored by looking at the politics of development and the development of politics. The first half examines the politics of development, with reference to the impact of colonialism, decolonization and secessionism; the place of the Island countries in international politics, especially in relation to the rise of China in the Pacific and the response of the USA; the political impact of official development assistance; and tensions between 'traditional' and 'modern' modes of governance. The second half investigates the development of politics, including attempts to engineer development outcomes via constitutions and electoral systems; intervention in Island countries by outside powers such as Australia; the phenomenon of state-building, particularly in ethnically divided societies; and women's representation in politics.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

POLS2055

Host Institution Course Title

PACIFIC POLITICS

Host Institution Campus

ANU

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Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Political Science

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