

## COURSE DETAIL

### ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS

**Country**

Singapore

**Host Institution**

National University of Singapore

**Program(s)**

National University of Singapore

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science Environmental Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

117

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

ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

ENVIRONMENTAL POLS

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## **Course Description**

This course introduces competing concepts and arguments in environmental politics. The course examines the ways in which political and economic institutions, regimes, culture, and norms interact with environmental outcomes at local, regional, and global levels; the roles different actors and institutions play in global environmental governance; and the interrelationship between environmental change and political action. It begins with the most basic and important questions: why does the environment matter? What causes environmental change? Why do environmental problems cause political controversies? Is there a mainstream environmental politics? Do the environment and economy form a zero-sum game? Is the environment solely a concern for the wealthy? Finally, which type of government best lends itself to resolving environmental problems? The second half builds atop this foundation, investigating the two most significant environmental problems: climate change and the biodiversity crisis. What caused these problems to arise, what is being done about them, and is it enough? Finally, the course examines the “intimate” environment: the places we live and the nature we put in our bodies. Through the study of urban environments and food we come to understand how the environment is not something detached from human life (spatially or temporally); rather, it is the very basis of our life, today and at every moment.

## **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

## **Host Institution Course Number**

PS3274

## **Host Institution Course Title**

ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS

## **Host Institution Campus**

## **Host Institution Faculty**

## **Host Institution Degree**

## **Host Institution Department**

Political Science

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