

COURSE DETAIL

LAW, CULTURE, AND SOCIETY

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Leiden University College

Program(s)

Leiden University College

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Legal Studies

UCEAP Course Number

106

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

LAW, CULTURE, AND SOCIETY

UCEAP Transcript Title

LAW CULTR & SOCIETY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course starts with two fundamental questions in socio-legal studies. How do laws and legal institutions affect society and social behavior? And conversely, how does society affect the production of laws and the functioning of legal institutions? Socio-legal scholarship has used different perspectives in answering these questions, including a cultural perspective. The course focuses on that perspective, and zooms in on a quite topical issue: the increasingly multicultural or ethnically diverse nature of society. It explores how that characteristic influences the emergence and functioning of laws and legal institutions. It also examines how different ethnic or religious groups, often confronted with a situation of legal pluralism, deal with laws and legal institutions. The course considers if law should merely reflect a society, or whether it also has a function to change society in a certain direction. If law does not reflect the whole of society, what implications does this have for minority groups? These questions are relevant to societies both in the Global North and the Global South. Accordingly, the course draws on and discusses cases from both regions.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

2902IJ25Y

Host Institution Course Title

LAW, CULTURE & SOCIETY

Host Institution Campus

Leiden University College, The Hague

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

International Justice

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