

## 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 Course Details**

## **Host Institution Campus**

Leiden University College, The Hague

## **Host Institution Faculty**

## **Host Institution Degree**

## **Host Institution Department**

International Justice

## Course Last Reviewed

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