

COURSE DETAIL

URBAN POLITICS AND ADMINISTRATION

Country

South Africa

Host Institution

University of Cape Town

Program(s)

University of Cape Town

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

146

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

URBAN POLITICS AND ADMINISTRATION

UCEAP Transcript Title

URBN POLITICS&ADMIN

UCEAP Quarter Units

10.00

UCEAP Semester Units

6.70

Course Description

The first section of the course locates South African local level politics and administration in the context of national and provincial state reform; examines the significance of local implementation and service delivery for policy outputs and for the policy process as a whole; and provides a theoretical framework for understanding how local government reorganization is developed with a comparative analysis of local government reorganization with particular reference to metropolitan areas. There is in addition a focus on contemporary reforms which have affected South Africa's contemporary urban governance, such as the new megacities, politics-administration interface, and developmental local government. The second section introduces an overview of contemporary urban political and administrative challenges and opportunities. These challenges and opportunities occur in a context of global and local conditions. The course examines and compares good solutions to urban problems in third and first-world cities. In its focus on delivery-level administration and politics, the course provides both intellectual and practical closure to the major sequence of courses on public administration, management, and the policy process. Assessment: coursework (50%), final exam (50%).

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

POL3038S

Host Institution Course Title

URBAN POLITICS AND ADMINISTRATION

Host Institution Campus

University of Cape Town

Host Institution Faculty

Humanities

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Political Studies

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