COURSE DETAIL

NEW FRONTIERS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, CRIME AND PUNISHMENT
Country United Kingdom - England
Host Institution London School of Economics
Program(s) Summer at London School of Economics
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science Legal Studies
UCEAP Course Number 132
UCEAP Course Suffix S
UCEAP Official Title NEW FRONTIERS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, CRIME AND PUNISHMENT
UCEAP Transcript Title CRIMINAL JUSTICE
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.50
UCEAP Semester Units

3.70

Course Description

This course examines how police, prosecutors and courts exercise the state's most coercive powers – the power to stop, to detain, to deport, to imprison, even to execute. Why does the US have 4% of the world's population but 20% of its prisoners? Students will examine whether facial recognition and algorithmic sentencing make justice fairer or automate existing biases. The course shows how online hate travels from screen to street – and whether law can stop it without chilling free speech. Additionally, it compares democracies that have abolished the death penalty with ones that sentence children to die in prison.

The approach is comparative, interdisciplinary and hands-on. Students review landmark cases and study the legal rules that govern state power across jurisdictions (US, Canada, Europe and Australia) – but also engage with cutting-edge empirical research that reveals how police, prosecutors and judges actually make decisions in practice.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
LL215

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Host Institution Campus
The Strand

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department Law
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