

COURSE DETAIL

EVIDENCE, POLITICS, AND POLICY

Country

United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution

University of Edinburgh

Program(s)

University of Edinburgh

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

115

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

EVIDENCE, POLITICS, AND POLICY

UCEAP Transcript Title

EVIDENCE/POL&POLICY

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

The course shows how social research can shed light on topical social and political debates. Students are given opportunities to reflect critically on the ways in which evidence is used in debate about public policy. This course illustrates how social research can shed light on topical social and political debates. The specific aims are to understand how academic enquiry can be used to understand public political debates and public policy to understand how evidence informs debates, and how it is sometimes distorted and misused in these debates; to understand how social and political theory can be brought to bear on understanding topical debates; and to develop the skills of engaging in topical debates in a rational and evidence-based way while also taking account of the important role of ideology and emotion.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SCPL08010

Host Institution Course Title

EVIDENCE, POLITICS, AND POLICY

Host Institution Campus

Edinburgh

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Social Policy

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