

COURSE DETAIL

UNDERSTAND SOCIAL PROBLEMS & POLICIES

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

University College Dublin

Program(s)

University College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology

UCEAP Course Number

102

UCEAP Course Suffix

N

UCEAP Official Title

UNDERSTAND SOCIAL PROBLEMS & POLICIES

UCEAP Transcript Title

SOC PROBLEMS&POLICY

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

Course Description

This course equips students with basic research and analytical skills that are needed to understand and respond to social policy problems. Its main focus is on statistical data available in online databases that are widely used to describe such problems and design policy solutions to them. Students learn about major relevant databases for Ireland and the EU and receive guidance and hands-on experience on how to access those databases, search through them for data on specific social policy topics, select and extract particular relevant indicators into Excel spreadsheets, present the data in graphs and tables, and write brief descriptive commentaries on what the data reveal. For illustrative purposes, the course focuses on unemployment as a representative social problem and concentrates on analyzing that problem and policy responses to it in Ireland and in the EU. A special focus is on the impact of Covid-19 on the labor market and its effects on employment and unemployment among younger cohorts in particular.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SPOL10030

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UNDERSTAND SOCIAL PROBLEMS & POLICIES

Host Institution Campus

University College Dublin

Host Institution Faculty

Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice

Host Institution Degree**Host Institution Department**