

## COURSE DETAIL

### LEADERSHIP IN THE POLITICAL AND PUBLIC DOMAIN

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Utrecht University

**Program(s)**

Utrecht University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

119

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

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**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## **Course Description**

This course is about an omnipresent yet curiously ill-understood phenomenon in politics and government: leadership. What does it mean when people say they want better leadership? What place can leadership have in a democracy? How is its exercise being facilitated and constrained by the institutions of democracy and the rule of law? How do people who occupy senior public offices exercise leadership and how can leadership be exercised by those who don't? Through discussing the literature, watching and analyzing episodes of political drama series and documentaries, case studies, meetings with practitioners, and a simulation the course explores how to systematically understand and evaluate various forms of public leadership. Among the key questions the course addresses are: What are the distinctive and functions of leadership in politics and government? Is 'democratic leadership' an oxymoron? How does leadership in democracies and autocracies differ? Why do people follow leaders – even really bad ones? How do we know successful political, administrative and civic leadership when we see it? What role do personality, context and skills play in leadership processes? How can we understand, distinguish and evaluate leadership styles? How do leaders cope with the special challenges and opportunities presented by major disruptions and crises? How can we organize effective leadership succession in politics and public administration? During the course, several guest speakers share their knowledge and experience and participants experience acting as a political leader during a simulation. It is vital that reading and coursework are completed before class, so that literature can be (critically) discussed during the meetings and be present during meetings. Please note that for non-USG bachelor students the course 'Introduction public administration and organizational science (USG5520/USG5020)' or another introduction course covering the subject of public administration/political science is required.

## **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

## **Host Institution Course Number**

USG4251

**Host Institution Course Title**

LEADERSHIP IN THE POLITICAL AND PUBLIC DOMAIN

**Host Institution Campus**

Utrecht University

**Host Institution Faculty**

Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance

**Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

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