

COURSE DETAIL

POLICY ANALYSIS

Country

Japan

Host Institution

International Christian University

Program(s)

International Christian University

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

61

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

POLICY ANALYSIS

UCEAP Transcript Title

POLICY ANALYSIS

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.70

Course Description

The creation and implementation of public policy is fundamentally political. Every policy, whether it be economic, social, about health and wealth, or security, comes at the end of a political calculation. The leaders and bureaucrats who write, pass, and enforce public policies operate within political environments that shape and constrain their behavior. The study of public policy, then, is the study of optimal public policy, taking seriously the mitigating effects of the political process. This course is designed to introduce you to this area of study and practice.

The first half of the course explores the main issues and theoretical frameworks within the field of public policy while developing methods in which to analyze, explain, and predict such phenomena (e.g. assessing the probability that a government provides programmatic as opposed to particularistic goods). The second half of the course utilizes these tools with which to understand actual policy in Japan, going through topics such as the politics behind budget processes; energy politics in light of the 3/11 disaster; constitutional change, and Japan's response to the COVID pandemic.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PPL101E

Host Institution Course Title

POLICY ANALYSIS

Host Institution Campus

International Christian University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

