

COURSE DETAIL

POLICY EVALUATION AND DESIGN

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Utrecht University

Program(s)

Utrecht University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

116

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

POLICY EVALUATION AND DESIGN

UCEAP Transcript Title

POLICY EVAL & DESGN

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course develops skills needed to address pressing environmental issues. First, review how to make a thorough *analysis* of environmental policies: a systematic assessment of what a policy looks like and how it works. Second, learn how to *evaluate* policies, that is, giving a motivated judgement of how 'good' or 'bad' a policy is according to certain criteria. Third, learn how the lessons from an analysis and evaluation can be used to *design* policies, that is, to propose improvements. Read sources that introduce various methods for policy analysis, evaluation, and design. Three writing assignments are required: one for policy analysis, one for evaluation, and one with a major focus on design. The topics of these assignments include the landing obligation in EU fisheries policy, the EU Birds and Habitats Directive (Natura 2000), and flood risk governance in Poland. Sources to be used in the writing assignments include literature, as well as films and video interviews in which practitioners and policy-makers give their views on policies. All sources are made available through Blackboard. Lectures are meant to explain and illustrate the methods to be used in the assignments. Tutorials help you understand the literature and help you in writing the assignments. This course includes an Honors component. Basic knowledge on (environmental) policy and research methods is required.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

GEO2-2113

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Host Institution Campus

Utrecht University

Host Institution Faculty

Faculty of Geosciences

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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