

# COURSE DETAIL

## CURRENT PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES

**Country**

Italy

**Host Institution**

University of Bologna

**Program(s)**

University of Bologna

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science Economics

**UCEAP Course Number**

118

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

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

PUBLIC POLICY ISSUE

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## **Course Description**

This course is part of the Laurea Magistrale degree program and is intended for advanced level students. Enrollment is by permission of the instructor. This course builds the ability to analyze in a critical and professional way current social and economic issues that are relevant for public policy, using the tools of economic analysis and considering the political aspects involved. Through an in-depth discussion of selected current issues and applying, among the others, the conceptual tools developed during the first year of the program, students learn (i) how to structure an economic analysis of a particular public policy issue, (ii) how to perform the analysis, (iii) how to write a policy report or briefing, and (iv) how to summarize and present it both orally (without support) and in a presentation (with support), in order to convey effectively such analysis in a non-technical way to the policy maker or to public executives.

### **Course contents:**

- Analysis and Discussion of Current Public Policy Issues: The selection of topics may change annually, depending on the evolving economic and political landscape and the emergence of new issues.
- Policy Making Process Management: Regardless of the specific topics, students develop the ability to manage the entire process: framing, implementing, and presenting a policy report or brief.
- Writing an Effective Policy Report/Brief: Techniques and strategies for crafting clear and compelling policy documents.
- Effective Presentation of the Policy Report/Brief: How to persuasively and professionally present the findings of the report/brief.
- Oral Briefing to a Policymaker: Skills for orally communicating with policymakers, summarizing, and conveying policy analysis clearly and concisely.

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

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

B2025

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**Host Institution Campus**  
BOLOGNA

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**  
LM in ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

**Host Institution Department**  
Economics

**Course Last Reviewed**  
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