

COURSE DETAIL

CLIMATE POLICY AND POLITICS

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

University College Dublin

Program(s)

University College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Environmental Studies

UCEAP Course Number

108

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CLIMATE POLICY AND POLITICS

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

This course introduces students to the core challenges and responses associated with climate change, with an emphasis on the interplay between science, policy, politics, and communication. It explores four main dimensions: the scientific and socio-political foundations of climate change; the environmental, social, and economic impacts it creates; strategies for mitigation and adaptation; and the political and institutional contexts in which these responses are developed and contested. Students examine climate governance at multiple levels, from international negotiations under the UNFCCC to national action plans and local government climate strategies, with attention to the political dynamics that shape ambition and implementation. The course also considers the role of communication in influencing public understanding, political debate, and policy effectiveness, including how climate issues are framed, contested, and mobilized across different actors and scales. By combining conceptual perspectives with applied case studies, students gain the knowledge and critical skills to evaluate climate policies, understand the political struggles underpinning them, and reflect on the role of communication in advancing effective and equitable climate action.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ENVP30030

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Architecture, Planning & Environmental Policy

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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