

# COURSE DETAIL

## COMPARATIVE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

**Country**

South Africa

**Host Institution**

University of Cape Town

**Program(s)**

University of Cape Town

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

121

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

COMPARATIVE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

COMP PUBLIC ADMIN

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

## **Course Description**

This course surveys the history and contemporary practice of public administration (or public bureaucracies) around the world. Some of the key questions that are answered include what is the proper place and role of public administration in a democracy? What are the benefits and potential risks of public administration in democratic government? What impact does public administration have on our lives as citizens? How can we construct effective working relationships between elected politicians and unelected administrators. And finally, what role can public administration play in responding to global policy crisis? Although this course adopts a comparative perspective, particular attention is paid to the role that public administration has played in democratic transitions in South and Southern Africa. Course entry requirements: POL1004F and POL1005S.

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

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

POL2042S

### **Host Institution Course Title**

COMPARATIVE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

### **Host Institution Course Details**

<https://www.uct.ac.za/sites/default/files/media/documents/uct-handbook-09a-2025...>

### **Host Institution Campus**

University of Cape Town

### **Host Institution Faculty**

Humanities

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

Political Studies

**Course Last Reviewed**

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