

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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