COURSE DETAIL

SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS

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
132

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS

UCEAP Transcript Title
SA PUB POC ANALYSIS

UCEAP Quarter Units
10.00

UCEAP Semester Units
6.70

Course Description

This course introduces the analysis of public policy. The course starts by exploring public institutions in which policy is analyzed, developed and implemented, including the cabinet system, treasury, and the presidency. Then some models that scholars have used to make sense of complex policy processes are considered. The course then explores specific public policy challenges in areas such as energy security, school system reform, and HIV/AIDS policy. This course is especially useful for students wanting to understand contemporary government in SA, and the relationships between public policy and politics. DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalized according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course. Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%. Course entry requirements: Any 2000-level POL course or with special permission from the Head of Department.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
POL3037F

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Host Institution Course Details
https://www.uct.ac.za/sites/default/files/media/documents/2026-hum-handbook-9a-...

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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