

COURSE DETAIL

SMART & LIVEABLE CITIES AND SUBURBS

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

University of Galway

Program(s)

University of Galway

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Urban Studies Sociology

UCEAP Course Number

111

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

SMART & LIVEABLE CITIES AND SUBURBS

UCEAP Transcript Title

SMART&LIVBLE CITIES

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

The year 2008 marked a turning point in global historical settlement patterns; for the first time in human history the majority of people now live in urban areas. By 2030, two-thirds of the world's population will be urban. This course explores three interrelated policy and business trends associated with urbanism: Smart Cities, Liveable or Healthy Cities, and efforts to retrofit suburbia. Each of these trends has importance for enhancing our quality of life and addressing climate change. Each also creates unique business opportunities and policy challenges. The course critically examines these trends and their unique relevance internationally and for Ireland. Among other pressing contemporary topics, the course examines housing affordability and the effects spurred by the Covid pandemic, most notably the shifts towards working at home and shopping online, and how these concerns may impact for the future of cities.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SP4131

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Sociological and Political Studies

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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