

COURSE DETAIL

GLOBAL CRIMINOLOGY

Country

Hong Kong

Host Institution

University of Hong Kong

Program(s)

University of Hong Kong

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Legal Studies

UCEAP Course Number

170

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

GLOBAL CRIMINOLOGY

UCEAP Transcript Title

GLOBAL CRIMINOLOGY

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

This course delves into the shadows of the criminal underworld and explore the complexities of global crime. It is structured into three parts. The first section introduces the foundational theories, concepts, and terminology in global crime and justice. It covers the growing importance of knowledge production beyond traditional Anglo-American bases of power and how colonialism has shaped our understanding of the crime. In the second part, the course delves deeper into responses to global crime, from the controversial death penalty for drug trafficking to the rising militarization of borders. Students investigate how vulnerable populations can become ensnared within these complex frameworks. It untangles the complex and interwoven nature of global crimes through an in-depth study of trafficking in its many forms (human, wildlife, diamonds and antiques). This course investigates how global crimes can blur the boundaries between victims and offenders and shape borders through policing responses. Finally, it investigate state crimes, online 'sleuthing', and the phenomenon of 'true crime' consumption to illustrate how key social changes such as globalization, technology and media influence crime policing, perception and victims. Global crime offers a multidisciplinary, critical and comparative perspective in criminology.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SOCI 3105

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Sociology

Course Last Reviewed

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