

COURSE DETAIL

SOCIOLOGY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND RISK

Country

United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution

University of Edinburgh

Program(s)

University of Edinburgh

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Environmental Studies

UCEAP Course Number

129

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

SOCIOLOGY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND RISK

UCEAP Transcript Title

SOC: ENVIRONMT&RISK

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course presents a sociological perspective on environmental knowledge, issues, campaigns, and risks. The course explores what “the environment” is, how environmental quality is measured and understood, and how we perceive of environmental risks and problems. Students examine a number of case studies and examples, including energy, food, climate change, and others. Key questions explored through the course include: how are issues framed; who is responsible for mitigating a risk, cleaning up after a disaster, or saving the planet; how is blame apportioned; what is the epistemological basis for knowledge claims about the environment; and how do we know what we know about environmental problems and risks?

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SCIL10024

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Host Institution Course Details

<http://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/13-14/dpt/cxscil10024.htm>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Sociology

Course Last Reviewed

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