

COURSE DETAIL

CONTROVERSIES IN MEDICINE, TECHNOLOGIES, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Country

United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution

University of Edinburgh

Program(s)

University of Edinburgh

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

126

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

MEDICINE/TECH/ENVIR

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course offers a range of analytical tools to address controversies, broadly understood as any instance of disagreement around scientific, technological, medical, or environmental issues. Students are exposed to different methods that enable them to better understand how the actors involved in the controversies and their arguments evolve over time. By introducing historical, sociological, philosophical, and political science perspectives, students seek to overcome simplistic views of controversies as easily solvable debates between truth and falsehood. Students also present controversies as involving actors outside the scientific community and reflect on normative agendas for not only studying but also critically intervening in controversies.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

STIS10009

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/25-26/dpt/cxstis10009.htm>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

School of Social and Political Science

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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