

COURSE DETAIL

THE ETHICS AND POLITICS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University College London

Program(s)

University College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

114

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

THE ETHICS AND POLITICS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

UCEAP Transcript Title

ETHICS& POL/SOC SCI

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course addresses the ethics and politics of the social sciences, and the role of the social sciences in ethics and political philosophy. Students address questions such as: Are the social sciences inferior to the natural sciences? Should citizens, scientists, or the market decide what gets researched? Are some topics ethically, or politically, out of bounds for scientific research? How should science guide policy and what would evidence-based policy look like? Is cost-benefit analysis the best way to choose a policy? Does everything have a price? Should our ethics be informed by the findings of social science? And what should the relationship between political philosophy and political science be like? The course has two overall aims: first, to encourage critical reflection on the social sciences and, second, to explore the relationship of ethics and political philosophy to the social sciences.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

POLS0033

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/module-catalogue/modules/philosophy-values-and-the-social...>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Political Science

Course Last Reviewed

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