Course Descriptions Amsterdam Program Social Policy in the Netherlands

This course will introduce students to a selection of vanguard issues in Dutch social policy taught by Dutch scholars active in their fields. The aim will be to develop understanding of the principles and strategies for implementing policies that deal pragmatically and rationally with contemporary issues in urban environments. The focus will be on governmental and non-governmental regulation of behaviors which cross boundaries between the legal and illegal. The first week will be devoted to a social and historical introduction to the Netherlands. Then the focus will shift to the study of drug and prostitution policies with an emphasis on criminal trafficking of substances and women and its implications for public health, social welfare, and immigration laws, as well as local, national, and international political relations. In addition, the course will establish links between U.S. and European scholarship in criminal justice and gender studies so that students can integrate their intellectual experience within their new scholarly environment.

IU Course Equivalencies:

Criminal Justice P300 Topics in Criminal Justice
Gender Studies G399 Institutions, Policy, and Gender Relations
Anthropology A496 Field Study in Anthropology
Political Science Y366 Current Foreign Policy Problems
SPEA V450 Topics