

Course Descriptions Amsterdam Program – Summer 2004

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, Prof. Kane 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