COURSE DETAIL

THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT: A GLOBAL HISTORY OF EMANCIPATION

Country
France

Host Institution
Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)
Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History

UCEAP Course Number
139

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT: A GLOBAL HISTORY OF EMANCIPATION

UCEAP Transcript Title
ENLIGHTENMENT

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description
This course covers the economic, social, political, and cultural transformations that characterize European and American societies in the eighteenth century. Breaking with the Judeo-Christian idea of Man's inevitable decline, the Enlightenment period saw several ways of looking at the emancipation of individuals and societies. This legitimized the large political reforms of “enlightened absolutism” (religious tolerance, abolition of censorship, economic liberalization of regulated markets, penal reforms, etc.) as much as the metropolitan and colonial revolutions did. It authorized the questioning of individual cause of faith and the right to a “pursuit of happiness”. At the crossroads of history, literature, and political science, this seminar offers a global history of these transformations. Through an inductive method of a particular case to an general case, an introduction to the history of the eighteenth century going from sociology-political history to cultural history, from urban history to the history of gender and sexuality. In this way, the course also examines the transformation of the contemporary world.

Language(s) of Instruction
French

Host Institution Course Number
CHIS 25F02

Host Institution Course Title
LE SIÈCLE DES LUMIÈRES : UNE HISTOIRE GLOBALE DE L'ÉMANCIPATION

Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus
French Seminar

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
History

Course Last Reviewed

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