COURSE DETAIL

HISTORIES OF PARIS
Country France
Host Institution UC Center, Paris
Program(s) French in Paris,Food, History, and Culture in Paris
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Urban Studies Sociology History
UCEAP Course Number 111
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title HISTORIES OF PARIS
UCEAP Transcript Title HISTORIES OF PARIS
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description

This course examines how the history of political ideology and social conflict in France since the Middle Ages has been embodied in the urban landscape of Paris. More than in any other city, the meaning, message, and significance to state and nation of most Parisian sites was – and continues to be – violently contested. The course looks at the histories of the conception, construction, and public perception of Parisian monuments and places their stories within the larger context of the development of the French state and of French national identity. Major events of French history form the chronological backbone for this course, with emphasis placed on the forces that literally shaped some of the city's most emblematic neighborhoods and monuments. The readings are selected from works by specialists in French political, urban, and social history; and the course includes weekly visits to sites in Paris, as the student learns to “read” architecture and to use the city as a rich primary source for historical analysis. Be advised: while no prior knowledge of French history is required, a high level of commitment to learning about France is required. All of the writing for this class demands careful consideration of both readings for class and information given during site visits. This is a class that engages in the complex history of Paris and France. Students are evaluated on the richness and clarity of their engagement with that history.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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