COURSE DETAIL

MODERN HISTORY: THE FRENCH MONARCHY (16TH–17TH CENTURIES)

Country
France

Host Institution
University of Bordeaux

Program(s)
University of Bordeaux

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History

UCEAP Course Number
130

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
MODERN HISTORY: THE FRENCH MONARCHY (16TH–17TH CENTURIES)

UCEAP Transcript Title
FR MONARCHY 16-17C

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description

This course offers an introduction to the evolution of the French monarchy from the sixteenth to the seventeenth century, a period marked by profound political, institutional, and administrative transformations. It examines the foundations of royal authority in the sixteenth century and traces the development of absolutism under the kings of the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. Attention is given to the principles of sovereignty, the institutional structures supporting monarchical power, and the central role of the curia regis in shaping royal governance. The course also explores how royal authority was exercised in the provinces, the mechanisms through which the monarchy expanded and consolidated its power, and the financial and fiscal systems that sustained the state. Finally, it analyzes the formation and evolution of the royal army as a key instrument of monarchical authority. Together, these perspectives provide a comprehensive understanding of the political and institutional foundations of early modern France.

Language(s) of Instruction
French

Host Institution Course Number
1LBHE21

Host Institution Course Title
HISTOIRE MODERNE

Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus
UNIVERSITÉ BORDEAUX MONTAIGNE

Host Institution Faculty
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