

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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Host Institution Degree

Licence 1

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Histoire

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