

# COURSE DETAIL

## COMPARATIVE POLITICS

**Country**

France

**Host Institution**

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

**Program(s)**

Sciences Po Paris

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

114

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

B

**UCEAP Official Title**

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

COMPARATIV POLITICS

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

### **Course Description**

This course offers an introduction to the study of comparative politics. It provides a survey of some of the most important questions of the field, such as why some countries are democratic while others are not; whether democracy makes a difference in terms of well-being of citizens; if elections help identify the general will; whether presidentialism improves accountability; if constitutional courts are necessary to uphold the constitution; if democracy helps fight economic inequality; and whether social media increases political polarization. The course approaches these questions in a scientific manner while introducing the main difficulties that researchers face when studying politics, including if causal relationships in politics can be identified and what units of analysis need to be compared to make meaningful inferences.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

ASPO 25A11

### **Host Institution Course Title**

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

Lecture

### **Host Institution Department**

Political Science

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