

COURSE DETAIL

THINKING LIKE A LAWYER

Country

France

Host Institution

Sciences Po Reims

Program(s)

Sciences Po Reims

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Legal Studies

UCEAP Course Number

160

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course introduces students to what lawyers and jurists call legal reasoning; the ways and mechanisms through which lawyers frame their understanding of social conflicts and structure legal arguments. Not unlike other professions, lawyers tend to perceive and communicate about the world through the lenses of the typical jargon and tools of their trade, such as rights and obligations, authority, and the fundamental conflict between freedom, security, and order. The course also studies how lawyers mobilize legal and non-legal elements, including rules, morals, constitutional principles, language, and economic or sociological facts and arguments, to frame a particular situation and argue for a particular position; convince a decision maker; and achieve certain goals, whether their own, those of their client, or those of justice or policy. This course is not an introduction to law or legal theory but rather an introduction to the lawyer's toolbox to argue and win a case. Discussion includes issues and phenomena of the digital transformation like Artificial Intelligence, privacy, and the regulation of the Internet to discuss legal reasoning in the 21st century. Course materials are primarily from Anglo Saxon legal culture and, where possible, European Union law.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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Host Institution Campus

Sciences Po Reims

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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