

## COURSE DETAIL

### CITIZEN POLITICS AND DEMOCRACY IN TIMES OF CRISIS

**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**

101

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

CITIZEN POLITICS AND DEMOCRACY IN TIMES OF CRISIS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

CITIZEN POLITICS

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

### **Course Description**

This course explores the role of the citizen within contemporary democratic processes. It draws on insights from political sociology and comparative politics to answer essential questions regarding continuity and change on issues such as vote choice, political participation, public protest, trust in the political system, ideological orientations, and political attitudes. Special emphasis is placed on the impact of the economic crisis on the changing preferences and behaviors of mass publics across Europe. The course develops the students' analytical skills in comprehending current political events, public opinion, new social movements, and current electoral dynamics from a comparative perspective. Each session of the course draws on theoretical concepts and links them to empirical findings using comparative, time-series survey data. Students are invited to critically combine theoretical tools with empirical evidence in order to comprehend the dynamic link between public opinion and political parties in postmodern Western democracies.

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

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

DSPO 25A10

### **Host Institution Course Title**

CITIZEN POLITICS AND DEMOCRACY IN TIMES OF CRISIS

### **Host Institution Campus**

Science Po Paris

### **Host Institution Faculty**

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

### **Host Institution Degree**

Seminar

## **Host Institution Department**

Political Science

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