

# COURSE DETAIL

## HUMAN RIGHTS, SOCIETY, AND LAW

**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 Legal Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

140

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

HUMAN RIGHTS, SOCIETY, AND LAW

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

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**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

### **Course Description**

This exploratory seminar engages students with the many dimensions through which human rights, a disputed and yet predominant discourse often related to notions of democracy, rule of law, or social justice, intersects with society. The course begins by examining the concept of human rights by exploring its philosophical foundations and its history, and by discussing the various critiques which have been addressed to the concept of human rights and its application in practice. It then explores four key contemporary human rights issues, and the way they play out in law and societies. The first relates to the relationship between human rights and sustainable development, and raises the question of whether human rights can be harnessed to generate better, and more sustainable, forms of development, and if so how. The second focuses on the rights of cultural minorities, and raises questions about the relationship between human rights and citizenship. The third examines the relationship between human rights and feminist approaches, through the lens of women's sexual and reproductive rights. The fourth addresses the rights of the LGBT community and raises broader questions about how human rights claims relate to identity. Finally, the course engages students in exploring and reflecting on the practical dimensions of the field of human rights, through a human rights strategy design project.

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

English

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BEXP 15A00

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<http://formation.sciences-po.fr/enseignement/2019/BEXP/15A00>

### **Host Institution Campus**

Exploration Seminar

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

Exploration Seminar

**Course Last Reviewed**

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