COURSE DETAIL

THE FOUNDATIONS OF FRENCH POLITICS, POLICIES, AND INSTITUTIONS, YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Country
France

Host Institution
IFE, Paris

Program(s)
Field Research & Internship, Paris

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science History

UCEAP Course Number
130

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
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UCEAP Transcript Title
FR POLITICS&POLICY

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description

This course helps students grasp fundamental notions of French society today by studying the roots and the development of the main institutions and concepts of French political life. It contributes to the overall purpose of the IFE preparatory session, which is to equip students to participate as fully as possible in French professional life and social and political discussion. The course establishes a thorough familiarity with the politically and institutionally constitutive elements of contemporary France by examining how history shaped institutions and outlooks which in turn shape France today. This includes an understanding of the interactions between the political/institutional sphere and social structures. It also discusses France's role in the world, perceived and real, past and present. Students become familiar with the mainstays of French academic literature on these subjects. The course is taught in two parts, or "modules", the first one focusing on the foundations and structures of the French State and the second on the French State in a European and international context from a historical perspective. As a survey for non-specialists, the course adopts a hybrid chronological-thematic approach to looking at the major notions of the state and the nation, since the Revolution. Founding principles, the rapid institutional developments of the 19th century, the effects of 20th century upheavals, and other themes are treated in turn.

Language(s) of Instruction
French

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Host Institution Campus
IFE Paris

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed
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