

# COURSE DETAIL

## TOPICS IN THE POLITICAL ECONOMY

**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 Economics

**UCEAP Course Number**

102

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

TOPICS IN THE POLITICAL ECONOMY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

POLITICAL ECONOMY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

### **Course Description**

The course is organized around a series of topics. It begins by covering the economic analysis of electoral turnout and voting decision, the selection and motivations of politicians and their impact on public policy, and questions about political accountability and corruption. The next part of the course focuses on the role of mass media and its impact on electoral politics and policy-making, as well as the issue of political distortions through examples such as patronage politics, lobbying, and political connections. The last part of the course is on issues related to crime, conflict and violence, as well as the origins, persistence and impact of political institutions. The course is primarily based on the reading of recent research papers and the in-depth discussion of their theories, methods, and results. There are no pre-requisites; however, previous exposure to economics courses and familiarity with quantitative methods are desirable.

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

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

BECO 1870A

### **Host Institution Course Title**

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### **Host Institution Campus**

English Seminar

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

Economics

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