

COURSE DETAIL

POLICY STUDIES

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

102

UCEAP Course Suffix

AD

UCEAP Official Title

POLICY STUDIES

UCEAP Transcript Title

POLICY STUDIES

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

Course Description

This course introduces the theories, concepts, and models of public policy analysis. Highlighting the importance of public policies in shaping relationships between the government and the governed, it helps students to unpack the complexity of the policy process, that is how public problems emerge and public policies are developed in order to address them. Insofar as public policies are considered a critical dimension of governmental activities, this requires going beyond the mere study of their substance: while interesting in its own right, it only provides a limited understanding of the contradictions inherent to public policy-making and of the changing nature of the policy process over time and across different political and institutional contexts. By contrast, shifting the focus on how the public policy process works contributes to the opening of the “Black Box” of public policy making and going beyond a managerial and functionalist approach to the policy process. In order to do so, the course guides students through the various stages of the policy process, including problem framing, agenda-setting, decision-making, policy implementation, and evaluation. It also assesses the way various actors, interests, and institutions shape the policy process and in return, the extent to which public policies account for economic, social, and political changes. Finally, it also discusses the international and multilevel dimensions of public policymaking, as well as its complex interplay with other forms of regulation (e.g., market, networks). This is done by drawing on a large range of examples across policy domains (e.g., environment, transport, health, education, etc.). In keeping with the interdisciplinary nature of policy studies, the course draws on authors, concepts, and models drawn from political science, law, sociology, and economics.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

AMPG 25A00

Host Institution Course Title

POLICY STUDIES

Host Institution Campus

English Seminar

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Law

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