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

3.00

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
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Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

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Law

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