

COURSE DETAIL

ANTHROPOLOGY OF FRENCH AND AMERICAN LAWS

Country

France

Host Institution

Sciences Po Reims

Program(s)

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UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

100

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ANTHROPOLOGY OF FRENCH AND AMERICAN LAWS

UCEAP Transcript Title

FRENCH&AMERICAN LAW

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

One of the founding fathers of legal anthropology, Karl Llewellyn described law as “a batch of tools to get jobs done in a culture,” and this course provides an opportunity to examine law from this perspective. Drawing on Llewellyn's anthropological approach to law, the first sessions ask: what jobs need to be done in a human group for it to become and therefore remain a society? How did the normative tools that are found in any human group transform historically to become Western law, then evolving into distinct civil law and common law traditions? Once students are provided with the foundational knowledge and methodology of legal anthropology, the remaining sessions are devoted to understanding what French and American laws reveal about the workings of their respective societies. Through adopting a chronological approach, the course covers major questions both societies face and how both legal systems address these concerns differently. Topics covered include: how power should be organized to avoid tyranny; how social instability resulting from industrialization and capitalism can be mitigated; how society responds to the tensions and challenges that arise from varying individual identities and technology.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DCIV 27A01

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

Seminar

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

International Affairs & Strategy

Course Last Reviewed

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