

# COURSE DETAIL

## POLITICS AND STRATEGY OF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING

**Country**

France

**Host Institution**

Sciences Po Reims

**Program(s)**

Sciences Po Reims

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

140

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

POLITICS AND STRATEGY OF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

UN PEACEKEEPING

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

## Course Description

This course focuses on bringing back politics but also strategy in United Nations Peacekeeping (UNPK) operations. The course mobilizes concepts such as means and ends, trinity, fog, friction, and center of gravity to examine their effects on the politics of UN peace operations. One assumption of this course is that UNPK is often undertaken when it is not the “appropriate instrument of policy”. The course argues that one of the problems of UN operations is that they are not guided by a clear strategy with final objectives. This problem can be traced to the political processes leading to their creation. The UN Security Council is not a single actor deciding about the aims of those operations. If this situation did not pose a problem for traditional UN operations, it is no longer the case with robust missions. That's why it is important to understand the politics and strategy of UNPK. The general objective of the course is to give the students the intellectual tools to analyze more critically how UNPK is organized. The theories used to examine UNPK are mostly Realism (Classical, Structural), Liberalism, and Constructivism. The class aims at criticizing but not rejecting UNPK. The goal is rather to try to look at possible solutions to fix the political and strategic problems surrounding this military-diplomatic tool invented between 1945 and 1956.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

16886

## Host Institution Course Title

POLITICS AND STRATEGY OF U.N. PEACEKEEPING

## 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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