COURSE DETAIL

THE MAKING OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY: ACTORS AND LOGICS
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 105
UCEAP Course Suffix R
UCEAP Official Title THE MAKING OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY: ACTORS AND LOGICS
UCEAP Transcript Title MAKING US FRGN POL
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course studies U.S. foreign policy from within. It examines how policy is made: by whom, under what constraints, and to what ends. U.S. foreign policy making is shaped both by American political culture and the peculiarities of American democracy. Conversely, the imperatives of statecraft can strain democratic principles. Over the term, the course traces how this tension has evolved and how it is managed (or not). The topic is approached through the lens of truth and publicity: What do U.S. leaders keep from the public? Why? Does secrecy pay off and at what cost to democratic accountability? One pedagogical component is a role-play simulation in which students collectively reconstruct a U.S. presidential election around a foreign policy issue.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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International Relations

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