

COURSE DETAIL

ANTHROPOLOGY OF FRENCH AND AMERICAN LAWS

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Legal Studies Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

120

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ANTHROPOLOGY OF FRENCH AND AMERICAN LAWS

UCEAP Transcript Title

FR & AMER LAWS

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

Drawing on Karl 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 evolve 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. For instance: how should power be organized to avoid tyranny; how should social instability resulting from industrialization and capitalism be mitigated; how should society respond to the tensions and challenges that arise from varying individual identities and technology.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DDRO 25A27

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Host Institution Campus

English Seminar

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Law

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