

# COURSE DETAIL

## THE POLITICS & STRATEGY OF UN PEACEKEEPING

**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 International Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

131

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

THE POLITICS & STRATEGY OF UN PEACEKEEPING

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

UN PEACEKEEPING

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

### **Course Description**

This course covers politics and strategy in UN peacekeeping (UNPK) operations. To do this, the lecture relies on the works of Prussian officer and philosopher Carl von Clausewitz. The course mobilizes Clausewitzian concepts like the “means and ends”, “trinity”, “fog”, “friction”, “center of gravity” to examine their effects on the politics of UN peace operations. One assumption of this course is that UN Peacekeeping is often undertaken when it is not the appropriate instrument of policy. One of the problems of UN Peacekeeping operations is that they are not guided by a clear strategy. This problem can be traced to the political processes leading to their creation. The general objective of the course is to provide 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 course focuses on critiquing but not rejecting UNPK. The goal is rather to try to fix the political and strategic problems surrounding this militaro-diplomatic tool invented between 1945 and 1956.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

DAFF 25A02

### **Host Institution Course Title**

THE POLITICS & STRATEGY OF UNPK

### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

Seminar

### **Host Institution Department**

International Relations

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