

# COURSE DETAIL

## FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

King's College London

**Program(s)**

King's College London

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science International Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

167

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

Y

**UCEAP Official Title**

FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

FOREIGN POLICY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

12.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

8.00

### **Course Description**

This course introduces students to the main theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of foreign policy widely conceived. Foreign policy analysis (FPA) is a field of inquiry that aims to understand and explain how foreign policy is made and who shapes it, but is also interested in outcomes, their impact and the assessment of performance. Theories of international relations are relevant to FPA to understand pressures and opportunities arising from the international system, but states are not seen as unitary bodies that respond in the same way, but they differ amongst each other and comprise contradictory forces and competing actors. FPA investigates the interplay between systemic, national and sub-national factors, actors and processes, including bureaucracies, public opinion and individual decision-makers. FPA pays significant attention to decision-making processes and their outcomes, including group dynamics, leadership styles, and cognitive theories. The first part of the course is conceptual, theoretical and methodological, while the second part compares and contrasts the foreign policies of selected countries to understand national idiosyncrasies as well as common features and factors that shape foreign policy-making.

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

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

5AAOB206

### **Host Institution Course Title**

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<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/abroad/module-options/foreign-policy-analysis-1>

### **Host Institution Campus**

King's College London/ Strand Campus

### **Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

European and International Studies

**Course Last Reviewed**

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