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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Host Institution Course Details
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

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