

COURSE DETAIL

POLITICAL, LEGISLATIVE, AND PARLIAMENTARY FRENCH LIFE

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

168

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

POLITICAL, LEGISLATIVE, AND PARLIAMENTARY FRENCH LIFE

UCEAP Transcript Title

POLITICAL FR LIFE

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

Combining political history, political law, and political science, this course examines how political life is organized in France, how constitutional texts and institutional practices interact, and how the new and old political worlds relate to each other. Representative democracy is being questioned. Participatory democracy is regenerating it. Referendum-based or even “digital” democracy is being called for. Presidential dominance over the parliamentary majority remains subject to the agreement of both presidential and parliamentary majorities. Rationalized parliamentarianism is increasingly being questioned. In a context of political radicalization, the course considers how Parliament, the majority, and the opposition are organized; why revise the Constitution, why certain failures, why question our institutions again; how Parliament positions itself in relation to random selection, how it deals with climate transition, and what are its ethics.

Language(s) of Instruction

French

Host Institution Course Number

CSPO 25F07

Host Institution Course Title

VIE POLITIQUE, LÉGISLATIVE ET PARLEMENTAIRE FRANÇAISE

Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department

Political Science

Course Last Reviewed

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