

# COURSE DETAIL

## EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IN THE UNITED STATES

**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 Legal Studies History

**UCEAP Course Number**

105

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IN THE UNITED STATES

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

EQUALTY&DIVERSTY/US

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

### **Course Description**

This multidisciplinary course considers equality, discrimination, affirmative action, and multiculturalism within the specific context of the U.S. experience. This experience is characterized by three structural features that Alexis de Tocqueville famously identified: the passion for equality, the salience of racial divisions, and the judicialization of politics. Elaborating upon those intuitions, the course relies extensively on history (that of ethno-racial and religious minorities since the early nineteenth century), law (through a thorough analysis of some of the key Supreme Court decisions in this area), political science (through the study of the emergence, development, and partial decline of race-conscious policies such as affirmative action and the redistricting designed to increase the number of Black and Hispanic elected representatives), and political philosophy (by discussing theories of social justice and equality, notably those of John Rawls, Ronald Dworkin, and Michael Walzer).

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

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

DSPO 25A04

### **Host Institution Course Title**

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### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

Seminar

### **Host Institution Department**

Political Science

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