

# COURSE DETAIL

## HISTORY OF POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

**Country**

Italy

**Host Institution**

University of Commerce Luigi Bocconi

**Program(s)**

Bocconi University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science History

**UCEAP Course Number**

118

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

HISTORY OF POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

HIST POL INSITUTONS

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

This course offers an exploration of the origins, functions, and effects of political institutions in historical perspective, paying particular attention to their dynamics (that is, how different institutions appeared and how they changed over time). The course utilizes critical reading and discussion of research papers that apply theoretical insights and empirical tools to engage in major debates about the nature and consequences of political institutions. The course integrates material from a variety of disciplines including political science, international relations, political philosophy, economics, and history. The course examines what types of political institutions form, why they form, what they do, and how they evolve. Students discuss a series of debates related to the rise and consolidation of states in historical perspective, and review current (and some classic) works on the subject. These debates include why nation-states came to dominate over other state forms (such as empires or city-states), which role elites played in state formation, in which ways the functions of the state began to take shape, or how state capacity was built and sustained in different places and times.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

30329

## Host Institution Course Title

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## Host Institution Campus

Bocconi University

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

