

COURSE DETAIL

AUTHORITY, DEMOCRACY AND RESISTANCE

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University College London

Program(s)

English Universities, University College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

162

UCEAP Course Suffix

B

UCEAP Official Title

AUTHORITY, DEMOCRACY AND RESISTANCE

UCEAP Transcript Title

AUTH/DEMOCR/RESIST

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course explores the question of whether states have the right to demand obedience of their citizens, and do citizens have a duty to obey the law? It considers what the best answer to the "anarchist challenge" might be, alongside the relative merits and weaknesses of various accounts of political obligations. The course also examines democracy and if democracy is the only legitimate form of political authority, and what the intrinsic and instrumental values of democratic rule are. It considers if there should be limits to the will of the majority in democracies, as well as if democratic citizens have special duties, such as the duty to vote? Lastly, the course explores resistance: what are the limits of obedience in just and unjust societies? It examines if citizens have a right to civil disobedience, and what is the proper legal response to this form of protest. The course enquires as to whether citizens have the duty to engage in resistance to injustice, and under what circumstances might they resort to violent protest?

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

POLS6027

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

University College London

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Political Science and International Relations

Course Last Reviewed

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