COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS

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 International Studies

UCEAP Course Number
119

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS

UCEAP Transcript Title
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UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

This course provides a foundational understanding of international relations and foreign policy analysis from both a theoretical and historical perspective. The first part of the course provides an overview of the origins and historical evolution of international systems in world history, shedding light on the emergence of a global international system. It then examines how historians and political scientists approach the study of international politics, seeking to identify differences, potential overlaps, and mutual synergies. The second part of the course explores the diverse set of theories that can be leveraged to make sense of international politics, namely realism, liberalism, constructivism, the “English School,” and critical approaches to international relations. The third part of the course investigates the wide range of domestic and international factors that influence foreign policy decision-making processes, including individual decision-makers, group dynamics among senior advisors, bureaucratic politics, domestic politics, and the role of societal actors in shaping foreign policy outcomes. The final part of the course zooms in on the sources and methods of inquiry in the study of foreign policy and international relations. It discusses the methodological issues related to empirical research on foreign policy and international relations, looking in particular at archival research and interviews with foreign policymakers.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Seminar

Host Institution Department
International Relations

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