

# 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

**Course Last Reviewed**

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