

COURSE DETAIL

COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF WESTERN EUROPE

Country

Japan

Host Institution

Waseda University

Program(s)

Waseda University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

129

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF WESTERN EUROPE

UCEAP Transcript Title

WESTERN EUROPE POL

UCEAP Quarter Units

3.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.00

Course Description

This course provides a comparative approach to European politics, analyzing the interplay between national and EU-level decision-making. It examines how political authority is delegated from voters to representatives, governments, and EU institutions to understand broader European political processes. Throughout the course, it explores the institutional diversity of European democracies, comparing parliamentary, semi-presidential, and majoritarian systems and analyzing how electoral rules shape party competition and voter behavior. It also examines the European Union's governance structures and how they interact with national decision-making, influencing both domestic policies and broader integration efforts while assessing how different economic models shape national economic policy preferences.

Additionally, the course investigates the political and social impacts of migration, welfare state reforms, and sovereignty conflicts, as well as the rise of populism and Euroskepticism, exploring how these forces reshape both national and European politics. Rather than focusing on a single-country approach, this course draws on comparative examples from multiple European countries to highlight similarities, differences, and key trends.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

POLX231L

Host Institution Course Title

COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF WESTERN EUROPE 01

Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Waseda University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

School of Political Science and Economics

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