

COURSE DETAIL

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

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

UCEAP Course Number

114

UCEAP Course Suffix

M

UCEAP Official Title

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

UCEAP Transcript Title

COMPARATIV POLITICS

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course offers an introduction to the study of comparative politics. It addresses some of the discipline's most important questions: Why are some countries democratic, while others are not? Does democracy improve the well-being of its citizens? Do elections identify the general will? Are constitutional courts necessary to enforce the constitution? Does democracy help combat economic inequality? Do social networks accentuate political polarization? The course approaches these questions in a scientific way, introducing the main difficulties researchers face when studying politics. Can we identify causal relationships in politics? Which units of analysis need to be compared in order to draw meaningful conclusions? In doing so, the course examines how science is always about comparison, but understanding which comparisons are relevant and which are not requires a lot of consideration.

Language(s) of Instruction

French

Host Institution Course Number

ASPO 25F11

Host Institution Course Title

POLITIQUE COMPARÉE

Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Lecture

Host Institution Department

Political Science

Course Last Reviewed

2024-2025

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