

# 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**

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**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**

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