

## COURSE DETAIL

### CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CORPORATE LAW & GOVERNANCE

**Country**

France

**Host Institution**

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

**Program(s)**

Sciences Po Paris

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Legal Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

102

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CORPORATE LAW & GOVERNANCE

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

CONTEM ISS/CORP LAW

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

## Course Description

This course introduces current issues relating to decision-making within corporations, increasingly important actors in global matters. The course includes an exploration of the basic corporate governance structure provided by corporate law, with a focus primarily on U.S. corporate law. The course also examines the effects on corporate governance dynamics of various real-world factors. The course begins with an introduction to the various sources of U.S. corporate law, including discussion of the question “what is a corporation” as distinct from other forms of business organization. Following this introductory discussion, the second part of the course includes a deeper exploration of the corporate governance structure: the rights of shareholders and the respective powers and duties of boards of directors and of officers. The discussion focuses on the relationships, both formal and informal, between these three primary actors in corporate governance. Using this understanding of corporate law and governance, the course then focuses on recent debates concerning corporate “personhood,” including whether corporations should be subject to criminal liability and prosecution and whether corporations should be required to operate in a socially responsible manner.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

DDRO 25A04

## Host Institution Course Title

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## Host Institution Campus

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

Seminar

## **Host Institution Department**

Law

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