

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

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department

Law

Course Last Reviewed

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