

# COURSE DETAIL

## INTEGRITY IN POLITICS: THE CASE OF DEMOCRACIES

**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 Philosophy

**UCEAP Course Number**

126

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

INTEGRITY IN POLITICS: THE CASE OF DEMOCRACIES

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

INTEGRITY/POLITICS

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

## Course Description

This course examines the question of ethics, particularly integrity, in the exercise of power by elected officials. It raises the central question of whether it is ever right to do wrong in politics; and if so, to what end. The course is divided into three parts. Drawing on selected texts of political philosophy and political science, it first explores the broad confines of morality, ethics, and integrity in politics; and subsequently focuses on the question of lying. The final part of the course examines integrity through empirical cases in contemporary politics. Overall, the course reflects on what conduct is realistically expected from those in government, and on the seemingly inevitable tension and thin line between using power to serve oneself and using power to serve the common good.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

DSPO 25A41

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## Host Institution Campus

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

Seminar

## Host Institution Department

Political Science

## Course Last Reviewed

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