

COURSE DETAIL

POLITICAL THEORY

Country

Switzerland

Host Institution

University of Geneva

Program(s)

Global Studies, Geneva

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science Legal Studies

UCEAP Course Number

120

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

POLITICAL THEORY

UCEAP Transcript Title

POLITICAL THEORY

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

This course introduces the analysis of the foundations of public order from the perspective of analytical political theory. This basis provides the conceptual tools for approaching a central issue in political theory: the justification of political obligation and contestation. The study of the justification of public institutions reviews some of the key approaches in political philosophy (deontology; consequentialism) and analytical political theories (contractualism; utilitarianism). The course addresses questions of moral right to command and a moral duty to obey; whether individual autonomy and political authority are compatible; whether voluntarily accepting an obligation is to be bound by it; why must we obey the laws even if the personal costs of obedience are very high; whether we are ever morally justified in disobeying unjust laws; and if exemptions from the law for reasons of conscience can ever be justified.

Language(s) of Instruction

Host Institution Course Number

T207038

Host Institution Course Title

POLITICAL THEORY

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Faculté des sciences de la société

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Département de science politique et relations internationales (SdS)

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