

## 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

THÉORIE POLITIQUE

### Host Institution Course Details

<https://pgc.unige.ch/main/teachings/details/2022-T207038>

### 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)

### Course Last Reviewed

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