

COURSE DETAIL

PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Country

Italy

Host Institution

University of Bologna

Program(s)

University of Bologna

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

176

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

UCEAP Transcript Title

PHIL SOC SCIENCES

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course is part of the Laurea Magistrale program. The course is intended for advanced level students only. Enrollment is by consent of the instructor. The course focuses on some questions and debates that are central to the contemporary philosophy of social sciences. After a short introduction to the discipline, in which a comparison between the social sciences and the natural sciences is made, the following topics are covered: 1) the naturalism/anti-naturalism debate within the philosophy of social sciences; 2) the role of idealized models in social sciences; 3) the nature of explanation in the social sciences; 4) the value-free/laden character of social studies; 5) the objectivity question within the social sciences; and 6) the possibility of having social laws. During the course these topics are explored at length, using case-studies from different social science fields and tracing connections with those debates that address similar topics within the general philosophy of science.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

77992

Host Institution Course Title

PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Host Institution Campus

BOLOGNA

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

LM in PHILOSOPHICAL SCIENCES

Host Institution Department

Philosophy and Communication Studies

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