

# COURSE DETAIL

## IS THIS WHAT DEMOCRACY LOOKS LIKE? PROTEST AND UNREST IN THE UNITED STATES

**Country**

France

**Host Institution**

Sciences Po Reims

**Program(s)**

Sciences Po Reims

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Sociology Political Science History

**UCEAP Course Number**

149

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

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

PROTEST IN THE US

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

**Course Description**

This course offers an introduction to social movement studies, a dynamic field of academic studies that has grown in prominence for the past several decades. It focuses on the protests that have emerged and developed in the United States since the 2007-2008 financial crisis, as the United States has been home to a wide range of movements and counter-movements that have attempted to define or redefine notions such as equality, justice, and democracy. Throughout the world the 2010s and 2020s have been characterized by innovative or renewed forms of contentious politics that directly challenged the political status quo and neoliberal hegemony. Topics include Occupy Wall Street; the Tea Party; the 2011 occupation of the Wisconsin State Capitol; the January 2021 attacks on the federal Capitol in Washington, D.C.; the 2012 Chicago teachers' strike and the 2018-2019 teachers' strikes in predominantly Republican states; the recent successful organizing efforts at Amazon and Starbucks; the different iterations of the Movement for Black Lives; far-right rallies under the Trump presidency; campaigns against campus sexual assault in the early 2010s; the worldwide #MeToo movement and anti-feminist reactions fueled by the so-called men's rights movement; the 2016 No Dakota Access Pipeline protests and the Green New Deal; and corporate misinformation campaigns, behind-closed-doors lobbying, and judicial battles waged by Big Oil companies against environmental justice movements.

**Language(s) of Instruction**

English

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DSOC 27A14

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**Host Institution Campus****Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree**

Seminar

**Host Institution Department**

Sociology

**Course Last Reviewed**

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