

COURSE DETAIL

CIVIL SOCIETY: DEMOCRACY, ACTIVISM, AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University of London, Queen Mary

Program(s)

University of London, Queen Mary

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

152

UCEAP Course Suffix

N

UCEAP Official Title

CIVIL SOCIETY: DEMOCRACY, ACTIVISM, AND SOCIAL CHANGE

UCEAP Transcript Title

CIVIL SOCIETY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

The course explores the nature of civil society and the political role of civil society actors - at local, national, and global levels. Civil society's traditional role as a third sector between the state and the market is critically examined by considering both theories of civil society and empirical case studies of democratic activism and social change. The course covers the contested meaning of "civil society," attending to its historical and cultural variation. Empirical case studies consider a variety of social movements and, where possible, include meetings with activists and other practitioners. The course enables students to critically evaluate the changing role of contemporary civil society and develops a practical understanding of how civil society actors pursue social change, along with why they fail and why they succeed.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

POL332

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

Queen Mary

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

School of Politics and International Relations

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