

COURSE DETAIL

SMALL AND MICRO-STATES IN GLOBAL POLITICS

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science International Studies

UCEAP Course Number

133

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

SMALL AND MICRO-STATES IN GLOBAL POLITICS

UCEAP Transcript Title

SMALL &MICRO-STATES

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

Most states are small by one or another measure. But what exactly is a small state, and to what extent does size matter for the conduct of international affairs? How can small states influence international relations? This course uses the lens of this category of small states to critically think about key concepts in political science, such as sovereignty, independence/dependence, security, and power. It first introduces the concept of small states, its historical development, and the field of small state studies. It then discusses common characteristics and challenges of, as well as the heterogeneity among, small and microstates, and finally turns to specific issues of importance to small states, including their role in international organizations such as the United Nations or the European Union; security and defense; climate change; or economic development.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department

International Relations

Course Last Reviewed

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