# **COURSE DETAIL**

# LEBANON: CONSOCIATIONAL POLITICS, CONFESSIONAL CLIENTELISM, AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE

## **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 History

#### **UCEAP Course Number**

109

#### **UCEAP Course Suffix**

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#### **UCEAP Official Title**

LEBANON: CONSOCIATIONAL POLITICS, CONFESSIONAL CLIENTELISM, AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE

## **UCEAP Transcript Title**

LEBANON POLITICS

## **UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

#### **UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

#### **Course Description**

At an empirical level, this course provides a solid knowledge in Lebanese history, mainly in the major violent episodes of its trajectory: the civil war (1975-1990), Israeli occupation (1982-2000), and Hezbollah's intervention in Syria (since 2013). It also presents a specific understanding of a practice of power far removed from what can be observed in Western democracies. Without being an authoritarian regime, the Lebanese political staff has always had a particular definition of ruling, a special understanding of democracy, that goes beyond the usual features shared by consociational systems everywhere else in the world (Switzerland, Belgium, Bosnia). This course is hence thought-provoking in political science, as it introduces models of ruling usually unfamiliar, models that are more frequent than typically imagined. By doing so, the course also triggers a shared reflection on theoretical concepts of political science, and a questioning of the universality of some of what Western political sociology sees as basic elementary truths and rules of the game in politics-in-practice. The course addresses Lebanese contemporary history; the notion of militancy in contexts of violence; a critical notion of foreign intervention, peacemaking, peacebuilding, state building, reconciliation, and transitional justice; and a good command of a particular case of consociational politics.

# Language(s) of Instruction

English

#### **Host Institution Course Number**

**DAFF 25A35** 

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#### **Host Institution Course Details**

# **Host Institution Campus**

**Host Institution Faculty** 

# **Host Institution Degree**

Seminar

# **Host Institution Department**

International Affairs

# **Course Last Reviewed**

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