COURSE DETAIL

ELECTIONS AND VOTING BEHAVIOR
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
UCEAP Course Number 143
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title ELECTIONS AND VOTING BEHAVIOR
UCEAP Transcript Title ELECTN&VOTING BEHAV
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

The course is about the scientific study of elections and voting behavior in modern democracies. The organization of elections is a key defining feature of democracy. It is thus crucial for political analysts to be able to apprehend them scientifically. The course examines in detail the act of voting in contemporary democracies (mostly, Western democracies mostly, but also non-Western democracies). The topics covered include how voters form preferences for parties/candidates, how they translate these preferences into a vote (or an abstention), and how they react to electoral campaigns and the state of the economy. It also covers how parties decide upon their electoral program, and how this affects their electoral performance. By the end of the module students are able to: actively read, fully understand, and critically appraise the scientific literature on elections; mobilize and articulate this scientific literature on elections to form an informed judgement about the state of elections in contemporary democracies and analyze new elections; and independently catch up with the latest developments of the scientific literature about elections.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Core Seminar

Host Institution Department
Political Science

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