COURSE DETAIL

GEOPOLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST THROUGH THE LENS OF SUNNI-SHIITE RELATIONS

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 Near East Studies

UCEAP Course Number
142

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
GEOPOLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST THROUGH THE LENS OF SUNNI-SHIITE RELATIONS

UCEAP Transcript Title
GEOPOL/MIDDLE EAST

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

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Language(s) of Instruction
French

Host Institution Course Number
CAFF 25F40

Host Institution Course Title
GEOPOLITIQUE DU MOYEN-ORIENT AU PRISME DES RELATIONS SUNNITES-CHIITES

Host Institution Course Details
https://syllabus.sciencespo.fr/fr/?202420/269302

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Seminar

Host Institution Department
International Relations

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