# COURSE DETAIL

## THE POLITICS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND SECULARISM IN THE AMERICAS

**Country**
France

**Host Institution**
Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

**Program(s)**
Sciences Po Paris

**UCEAP Course Level**
Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**
Religious Studies Political Science History

**UCEAP Course Number**
148

**UCEAP Course Suffix**
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**UCEAP Official Title**
THE POLITICS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND SECULARISM IN THE AMERICAS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**
POL/RELIG FREEDOM

**UCEAP Quarter Units**
4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**
3.00

**Course Description**

This course offers a comprehensive examination of the dynamic interplay between religious freedom and secularism in the diverse cultural landscape of the Americas. From the early colonial encounters to the contemporary socio-political debates, it explores the complex interactions between religion, state, and society in shaping the religious and secular identities of the Americas. Competing understandings of religious freedom and secularism in human rights (what they are, what they should be, and how they operate) are examined. The course is organized into two sections each with a distinctive set of themes: the first section focuses on the conceptual approaches to religious freedom and secularism in the Americas, including historical context. The second section focuses on the circulation of ideas among the continent and beyond, by exploring the transnational impact of politics of religious freedom and secularism in the world.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
DAFF 25A09

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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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