

# COURSE DETAIL

## POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

**Country**

Ireland

**Host Institution**

University of Galway

**Program(s)**

University of Galway

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

148

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

5.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.30

## Course Description

Political sociology examines the social origins and dynamics of political phenomena such as the state, nationalism, political mobilization, civil war, and conflict. It focuses in particular on the changing relationship between society and state. This course provides an overview of the major debates in the field, tracing the changing relationship between state and society in the modern era. It provides an introduction to both classical and contemporary issues in political sociology and reviews the leading theoretical and historical approaches in the field. The course explores how the nation-state became the dominant form of political organization and why it persists; why nationalism is such a powerful force; why people get involved in political parties and social movements; how civil wars break out; how governments maintain their legitimacy; the changing nature of warfare and its role in shaping societies and states; and the changing character of politics in the Information Age.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

SP219

### Host Institution Course Title

POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

### Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/course-information/module/SP219>

### Host Institution Campus

University of Galway

### Host Institution Faculty

### Host Institution Degree

**Host Institution Department**

Sociology

**Course Last Reviewed**

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