

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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