

COURSE DETAIL

SACRED LAND: A HISTORY OF INDIGENOUS RESISTANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN THE USA

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History Environmental Studies American Studies

UCEAP Course Number

130

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

HIST INDIGEN RESIST

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course explores, giving them voice, how aboriginal Americans (also named First Nations, Tribal groups, Indigenous People, or Native-Americans) relentlessly attempted to “unsettle” their land and exposed the connectedness between violence to the earth and violence towards them. Far from feeding the trope of the “Indians in harmony with nature,” this course examines how their demand to preserve the ecological integrity of the land has been an act of political resistance. It develops a historical perspective on the specificity of Indigenous environmentalism in the United States, for the “healing” of land, non-human life and natural resources has been inherently tied to the ongoing land grabbing and exploitation of their territories. Ranging from History to Anthropology, Native-American Studies and Environmental History, this class historicize indigenous vulnerabilities to extreme weather, deforestation, biodiversity loss, and pollution from manufacturing and resource extraction. It engages in weekly conversations to unpack the ongoing struggle that indigenous and black communities have fought for the preservation of the right to bury their dead, breathe, and survive.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DHIS 25A23

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Host Institution Campus**Host Institution Faculty**

Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department

History

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