

COURSE DETAIL

FRENCH EMPIRE: A GLOBAL HISTORY

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

UCEAP Course Number

115

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

FRENCH EMPIRE: A GLOBAL HISTORY

UCEAP Transcript Title

FRENCH EMPIRE

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course offers a survey of the rise and fall of successive French imperial systems, from the creation of an American New France in the seventeenth century until the crisis in France's African sphere of influence today. Adopting a global perspective, it focuses on the role of external and local constraints – from rivalry with the British Empire to various types of indigenous resistance – rather than internal expansionist impulses in shaping the course of French imperial history. Special attention is paid to the role of racial distinctions, in a comparative perspective with other European empires. Topics covered include the collapse of the early modern and Napoleonic empires, the liberal reinvention of empire, colonial governance, and decolonization.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DHIS 25A28

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department

History

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