COURSE DETAIL

POLITICAL WORK AND POLITICAL PROFESSIONALS IN FRANCE AND IN THE UNITED STATES

Country
France

Host Institution
Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)
Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science

UCEAP Course Number
111

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
POLITICAL WORK AND POLITICAL PROFESSIONALS IN FRANCE AND IN THE UNITED STATES

UCEAP Transcript Title
POLIT WORK IN FR&US

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.50

UCEAP Semester Units
3.00

Course Description

Since Tocqueville's pioneering research in the 1830s, comparisons between France and the United States have proliferated, often accompanied by certain myths and oversimplifications. This course builds on these comparative studies by offering an in-depth examination of the national institutions and political systems of the two countries. Through the lens of political sociology, this course delves into the roles, characteristics, and expertise of political professionals who live “for” and “off” politics: elected officials, top civil servants, political staffers, etc. By integrating interdisciplinary perspectives and employing diverse methodological approaches, the course takes a close look at the diversity of political work, focusing on the key similarities and differences between the two nations.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
DSPO 25A75

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Host Institution Course Details
https://syllabus.sciencespo.fr/fr/?202420/269302

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Seminar

Host Institution Department

Political Science

Course Last Reviewed
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