

# 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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