

# COURSE DETAIL

## HISTORY OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT 1: THE FOUNDATIONS, FROM ARISTOTLE TO MARX

**Country**

France

**Host Institution**

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

**Program(s)**

Sciences Po Paris

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Economics

**UCEAP Course Number**

110

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

HISTORY OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT 1: THE FOUNDATIONS, FROM ARISTOTLE TO MARX

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

HIST ECON THOUGHT 1

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

**Course Description**

The course follows a traditional chronological approach (from antiquity to the 1860s), providing an introduction to the development of major schools of thought. The emphasis is on understanding the historical, political, and cultural context that contributed to the emergence of economic doctrines. Neither a history of simple “ideas” nor a history of economic theories alone, this is a contextual history that seeks to explain how and why, in each era, different ways of thinking about economics took hold. It examines how three ages of thought follow on from and intermingle with one another: moral (conforming behavior to norms defining the good life); political (working for the prosperity and power of nations); and scientific (developing a rational explanation of economic behavior and phenomena).

**Language(s) of Instruction**

French

**Host Institution Course Number**

CECO 25F00

**Host Institution Course Title**

HISTOIRE DE LA PENSÉE ÉCONOMIQUE-1. LES FONDATIONS, D'ARISTOTE À MARX

**Host Institution Course Details**<https://syllabus.sciencespo.fr/fr/?202510/286215>**Host Institution Campus****Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree**

Seminar

**Host Institution Department**

Economics

**Course Last Reviewed**

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