

# COURSE DETAIL

## POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES

**Country**

Ireland

**Host Institution**

Trinity College Dublin

**Program(s)**

Trinity College Dublin

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science American Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

172

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

POL INSTITUTNS/USA

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

5.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.30

## **Course Description**

This course introduces students to the main institutions of the American political system: Presidency, Congress, Judiciary. In the process, we learn about the way in which the members of these institutions are selected, the functions played by each of these institutions, and the way in which they interact under the checks and balances system of the United States. Special attention will be given to the historical development of these relationships. The course also covers the institutional structure of the US, such as the Constitution, the federal system, and the party system.

By the end of this course, students have a critical understanding and comprehensive knowledge of the government and politics in the US, as well as the processes through which policy making takes place. Through discussions of current and past events and a close following of the Congressional electoral campaign taking place during the term students are familiarized with examples of how these institutions and processes interact.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

POU33041

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### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

School of Social Sciences and Philosophy

### **Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

Political Science

**Course Last Reviewed**

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