

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 Course Details

https://www.tcd.ie/Political_Science/programmes/undergraduate/module-outlines/j...

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

School of Social Sciences and Philosophy

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Political Science

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