

COURSE DETAIL

U.S. DEFENSE AND SECURITY POLICIES SINCE 1945

Country

France

Host Institution

University of Lyon 2

Program(s)

University of Lyon

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

122

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

U.S. DEFENSE AND SECURITY POLICIES SINCE 1945

UCEAP Transcript Title

US DEFENSE&SEC PLCY

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course provides both a base of knowledge on the foreign policy of the United States and an in-depth study on specific themes. It examines the pillars of U.S. foreign policy through the lens of current events (counterterrorism operations in 2021 and the war in Ukraine since February 2022). It covers elements concerning American foreign policy, its issues, its institutions, its legal framework, the governance of the main presidents, the major schools of thought participating in strategic decision-making, the concrete use of the defense and security tool since 1945 and the dilemmas posed to American power by the evolution of the contemporary world. It also discusses the national security enterprise, the major intellectual currents in American foreign policy, the main American commitments, and the future of American leadership. Thus armed with a more detailed knowledge of the terms of the debate, students better understand and analyze the workings of international news and have the necessary references to enter a professional environment concerned by the international policy of the United States. Other topics include containment; roll back; New Look Policy; peaceful coexistence; domino theory; graduated response; MAD; Star Wars; Bush-Rumsfeld Doctrine; Obama's New Beginning & Reset.

Language(s) of Instruction

French

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LES POLITIQUES DE DÉFENSE ET DE SÉCURITÉ DES ETATS-UNIS DEPUIS 1945

Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

Sciences Po Lyon

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree**Host Institution Department**

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