

COURSE DETAIL

STATE AND POLITICS IN AFRICA

Country

France

Host Institution

University of Bordeaux

Program(s)

University of Bordeaux

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science African Studies

UCEAP Course Number

122

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

STATE AND POLITICS IN AFRICA

UCEAP Transcript Title

STATE & POL/AFRICA

UCEAP Quarter Units

3.50

UCEAP Semester Units

2.30

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the study of state-building and state-formation dynamics in Africa since precolonial times, and to the broader question of politics in Africa. It introduces multidisciplinary into the study of politics: it is indeed one of the major contributions of African studies to combine political science with history, anthropology, and development studies. Two main approaches are combined. First, the historical approach, which evokes pre-colonial, colonial, and post-colonial Africa. Archives, maps and documentary film extracts are used to illustrate the ways in which power is exercised and criticized on the *longue durée*. Second, the sociological approach considers the modalities of policymaking in Africa, to which a plurality of actors take part - in partnership but also often in competition with state bodies.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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