

COURSE DETAIL

COMPARATIVE FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS

Country

Egypt

Host Institution

American University in Cairo

Program(s)

The American University in Cairo

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

125

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

COMPARATIVE FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS

UCEAP Transcript Title

COMP FOREIGN POLICY

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

The focus of this course is on the practical dimension of foreign policy: foreign policy in action. It examines how states actually formulate, negotiate, and implement their external decisions, and this is developed primarily through comparative case studies. The theoretical component is treated only briefly. Unlike courses dedicated to foreign policy theory that engage deeply with conceptual debates and require specialization in political science, this course emphasizes applied analysis rather than abstract theory. Within this practical orientation, the course explores how major powers approach the Middle East and how key Middle Eastern states craft their own foreign policies. Through interactive lectures and applied exercises, students develop the capacity to assess foreign policy behavior using multiple levels of analysis and a range of analytical tools.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

POLS 4611

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Political Science

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