

COURSE DETAIL

POLITICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Country

France

Host Institution

University of Bordeaux

Program(s)

University of Bordeaux

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

105

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

POLITICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

UCEAP Transcript Title

POLITICAL ANTHRO

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

This course presents the different ways in which 20th-century anthropology has studied forms of political organization around the world. After establishing the universality of politics, anthropology has sought to examine societies' relationships to the state—that is, the variability of cultural choices regarding the centralization or decentralization of power. The course also explores anthropology's relationship to colonialism, neo-colonialism, and post-colonialism, from the late 19th century to the present day. In addition, it introduces a more materialist approach to politics, emphasizing the importance of the production and circulation of material wealth in the political organization of societies. The course concludes with an outlook toward further study, while highlighting how political anthropology is practiced in the 21st century.

Language(s) of Instruction

French

Host Institution Course Number

Host Institution Course Title

ANTHROPOLOGIES THEMATIQUES 2

Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Université de Bordeaux

Host Institution Faculty

Sciences Humaines et Sociales

Host Institution Degree

Licence

Host Institution Department

Sciences de l'homme, anthropologie, ethnologie

Course Last Reviewed

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