

COURSE DETAIL

PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, POLICY AND BIOETHICS

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Legal Studies

UCEAP Course Number

111

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, POLICY AND BIOETHICS

UCEAP Transcript Title

PUBLIC HEALTH LAW

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course provides an overview of some of the main legal, ethical and policy foundations that shape public health debates in contemporary societies through a multi-disciplinary perspective. During thematic sessions, it explores how legal and ethical considerations structure public health policies and decision-making. The course provides starter tools in policy analysis and engagement with legal texts as well as with bioethical principles. The topics covered include an introduction to comparative analysis of healthcare systems, health policy debates such as the question of access to medicines and reproductive health care, the study of legal levers available to citizens through the example of the right to health, but also a specific focus on public health crisis. Finally, moving to a selection of main contemporary bioethical debates, three classes are devoted to the exploration of the rapidly evolving intersections between innovation, bioethics and legal frameworks. The reading materials include news articles, public organization reports, academic articles and book chapters that present diverse viewpoints on the topics presented. Students are expected to have completed all assigned readings prior to each class to ensure fruitful discussion and an interactive experience. This course is based on guided discussions enriched by concrete case studies.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department

Law

Course Last Reviewed

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