

COURSE DETAIL

INDIGENEITY, POLITICS AND LAW IN THE UNITED STATES AND BEYOND

Country

France

Host Institution

University of Lyon 2

Program(s)

University of Lyon

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science History Ethnic Studies

UCEAP Course Number

142

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

INDIGENEITY, POLITICS AND LAW IN THE UNITED STATES AND BEYOND

UCEAP Transcript Title

INDIGENEITY/POL&LAW

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

Course Description

This course offers a comprehensive introduction to Indigenous Studies in the United States, with a focus on key concepts, historical contexts, and contemporary themes relevant to Native American peoples. Through an interdisciplinary approach grounded in Indigenous epistemologies, it examines the plurality of worldviews, histories, and experiences of Indigenous peoples in the United States – and beyond – to understand the historical and contemporary relationships between Indigenous communities, settler-colonial systems, and current governance structures. Through the study of the relationship between Native American peoples and the U.S. government, the course critically examines topics such as sovereignty, self-determination, governance, land and the use of natural resources, Indigenous justice systems, gender-based violence, Indigenous education, linguistic and cultural transmission, among others. Additional discussions address the history of treaty rights in the United States, the U.S. federal and state recognition processes, the recognition of specific rights for Indigenous peoples at the international level, and evolving concepts of identity and indigeneity. While the primary focus is on American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Nations within the United States, comparative perspectives on Indigenous Peoples worldwide are also provided. Interactive discussions, group exercises, and presentations by guest scholars and practitioners also provide interdisciplinary insights that bridge theory, practice, and community-based experience.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

Sciences Po Lyon

Host Institution Faculty**Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department****Course Last Reviewed**

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