

COURSE DETAIL

INSTITUTIONS AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Country

France

Host Institution

University of Lyon 2

Program(s)

University of Lyon

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science Legal Studies

UCEAP Course Number

148

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

INSTITUTIONS AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

UCEAP Transcript Title

INSTITUT&PROCESS/EU

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course utilizes two methodological approaches: to understand the major legal and political-institutional issues of the European Union through a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach that draws not only on law but also on political science and history; and subjecting the law and institutions of the Union to a critical and balanced examination, while maintaining a distance from both the discourse of practitioners and that of political actors, who are (direct or indirect) stakeholders in the subject under study. Following a general overview of the history of the European Union, it includes three thematic modules: the study of the Union's political and institutional system: an overview of the major political institutions (European Council and the institutional triangle), on the one hand; and considerations regarding the scope of the legislative and executive powers in the Union, on the other; the legal order of the Union, including, first, a presentation of the Court of Justice; second, a study of the constitutionalization of the Union (direct effect and primacy); and, finally, a summary of the relationship between the legal orders of the Member States and the legal order of the Union; and the status of the state and the citizen in the Union from a threefold perspective: the delimitation of the competences of the states and the Union; the issue of the reversibility and differentiation of integration; the European status of the individual as a citizen of the Union. The course concludes with reflections on the political form of the Union.

Language(s) of Instruction

French

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

Sciences Po Lyon

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