

COURSE DETAIL

SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL HEALTH

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology

UCEAP Course Number

168

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL HEALTH

UCEAP Transcript Title

SOC/MENTAL HEALTH

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course focuses on the sociological issues (socialization, social control, regulation, medicalization) that characterize the contemporary world of mental health institutions, practices, and discourse. It covers both the theories and the concrete social processes related to the definition, intervention, and transformations of what used to be called “madness” and is now called “mental disorder.” By questioning the field and modes of intervention of the psychological disciplines, the course also examines the role of mental health in the production and maintenance of social relations. The course thus revolves around three aspects of the concept of mental health: as a field of social practices, as a social norm, and as an object of knowledge produced by the psychological disciplines (psychiatry, psychology, psychoanalysis).

Language(s) of Instruction

French

Host Institution Course Number

CSOC 25F05

Host Institution Course Title

SOCIOLOGIE DE LA SANTÉ MENTALE

Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department

Sociology

Course Last Reviewed

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