

COURSE DETAIL

INVESTIGATION INTO THE COLONIAL LEGACY OF FRENCH WARS IN THE SAHEL

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

141

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

INVESTIGATION INTO THE COLONIAL LEGACY OF FRENCH WARS IN THE SAHEL

UCEAP Transcript Title

FR WARS IN SAHEL

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

Since 2022, the departure of French troops from the Sahel has marked the end of large-scale military operations that proved to be strategic failures for France. Among the criticisms leveled at political and military leaders, one recurring accusation is that they acted like a colonial power. To what extent did this “colonial legacy” influence the military intervention in the Sahel? What role did more recent legacies play (decolonization wars, “Françafrique” military cooperation, counterterrorism)? This course investigates these legacies by studying French officers' representations of African societies, Islam and jihad, and racial and ethnic categorizations. The sessions are organized around surveys and presentations by students and discussions with journalists and researchers in history and political science.

Language(s) of Instruction

French

Host Institution Course Number

CHIS 25F40

Host Institution Course Title

QUE FAIT L'ARMEE FRANÇAISE EN AFRIQUE ? ENQUETE SUR LES HERITAGES COLONIAUX DES GUERRES FR AU SAHEL

Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus**Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree**

Seminar

Host Institution Department

History

Course Last Reviewed

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