

COURSE DETAIL

UNDERSTANDING SOCIETY: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University College London

Program(s)

University College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

134

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

UNDERSTANDING SOCIETY: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

UCEAP Transcript Title

INTRO POLITICAL SOC

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course examines theoretical debates about the relationship between state and society as well as the social context within which political actors operate and the extent to which they shape and are shaped by social structures such as gender, ethnicity, nationality, class, race and religion. What role do ethnicity, nation and gender play in contemporary politics? What is the link between identity and politics? And what makes for successful social movements? This course tackles these and other questions against the backdrop of three main sociological approaches to the study of society and politics: functionalism, conflict theories, and symbolic interactionism.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SESS0014

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<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/module-catalogue/modules/understanding-society-introducti...>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

School of Slavonic and East European Studies

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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