

COURSE DETAIL

SOCIOLOGY OF IDEAS: FRANCO-AMERICAN INTELLECTUAL EXCHANGES SINCE 1945

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

146

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

SOC OF IDEAS:FR-AM

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course introduces a computational approach to the sociology of ideas. It is structured around a classic research question in the social sciences requiring the collection of data relevant to the circulation of bodies and ideas between France and the USA in order to study these datasets and produce insights relevant to the research question. The educational objective of the course is to immerse students in the practice of research in computational social sciences through a variety of tools presented in class. It does so while maintaining a shared object of study. This year, the course studies Franco-American academic and intellectual exchanges since 1945. French scientists and intellectuals have long benefited from the hospitality of American institutions. These exchanges have led to an intense circulation of knowledge, the transformation of both U.S. and French academic scenes and the achievement of lasting results. They have transformed American universities to some extent, and, to a greater extent, they have affected French institutions through both brain drain and reverse brain drain. Yet, unlike larger diasporas (Chinese, Indian, or post-Soviet), the Franco-American scientific exchange has never been systematically studied. This course fills this gap by devising a methodology to study three dimensions - Mobility: French academics in the U.S., American academics in France; collaboration: Franco-American partnerships; and influence/attraction: French ideas on American campuses, American ideas on French campuses.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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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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