

COURSE DETAIL

COMPARATIVE CONTRACT LAW

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science Legal Studies

UCEAP Course Number

164

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

COMPARATIVE CONTRACT LAW

UCEAP Transcript Title

COMP CONTRACT LAW

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

In the French legal system, contract law is the foundation for the comprehension of other fields of law, which often turn to its provisions to resolve complex legal issues that arise in business practice. For this reason, contract law is generally taught in the second year of studies, with the purpose of familiarizing students as soon as possible with legal terms such as “obligation”, “contract”, “liability”, which are approached from different angles throughout their university education. The teaching of this course in English allows the students, French or foreigners, to improve their formation in contract law in the language used in international business and to deepen their knowledge in the particularities of French Contract Law through different aspects of comparative law (Common Law, EU law, legislation of other European countries). References to other national legislations, especially to the ones of Common Law countries, give students the chance to identify similarities and differences on specific topics of contract law and develop an international culture in the field. Based on interactive lectures of two hours per week and on material support shared online every week, students are encouraged to think, compare, and understand profoundly the contractual techniques and methods. This course provides students with a critical qualification and ability to express themselves in English on sophisticated issues of French and comparative contract law. The ongoing process for the revision of the French Civil Law of the obligations, accomplished during Spring 2016, constitutes an excellent occasion for profound and comparative thought on fundamental concepts of Contract Law utilized by most of the legal systems all around the globe.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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DDRO 25A74

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Seminar

Host Institution Department

Law

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