



SO/US 360 CONTEMPORARY PARIS: POLITICS, POLICIES & PEOPLE

IES ABROAD PARIS BIA

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Paris, as a global city, the capital of France and its largest city, provides an excellent opportunity to study the political system, public policies, social trends and economic stakes of the country.

Paris has over 2 million residents, with a metropolitan area of about 12 million which is one of the most populated urban areas in Europe. It is one of the world's leading business and cultural centers. Paris is both a global and a national city. Global as it is ranked in the top five cities in the world for its high economic performance and its cultural influence – along with New York, London and Tokyo. National because its history and the centralized nature of the French political system give the capital a core position in national policies.

Therefore, Paris will be used as a case study that will allow key concepts in political science and study public policy to be introduced in areas such as urban and economic development, housing, environment protection or public safety. It will also help students understand French politics, through the analysis of local electoral processes and the turbulent history of the city.

INSTRUCTOR:

LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATION: English

HOURS:

CREDITS: 3.00

PRE-REQUISITES: none

METHOD OF PRESENTATION:

The class will consist of a mixture of lectures, discussions and slides. Readings, tables, maps, videos will be used to analyze national and local politics, and urban policies.

Field trips and documentaries will be used to give a concrete taste of Paris and the issues studied during the semester.

REQUIRED WORK AND FORM OF ASSESSMENT:

- Seminar participation: 10 %
- Quiz 1: 10 %
- Quiz 2: 10 %
- Midterm exam (written): 30 %
- Oral presentation: 20 %

Students will be asked to make an oral presentation about the main topic of a session and explain to other students what other issues are related. The presentation will last 15-20 minutes and will be followed by a discussion and an activity during 10-15 minutes actively moderated by the presenting student(s), who will ask their fellow students their opinions about the topic and to link it with current events.

- Final exam (oral): 20 %
A comprehensive oral examination (mock municipal elections) will take place during the second half of the semester. Each student will be part of a campaign team including a candidate, spokesperson, campaign manager and staffers, consultants, communication, speech, and policy advisor. After launching a campaign on social networks with weekly goals and objectives, the teams will hold a final examination mock debate during which they will do everything they can to help their candidate win the election.

Students have to attend all class sessions.



LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the end of the course, students are able to:

- Apply the basic analytical tools of political science and urban sociology to understand policy, electoral, and social processes in France and broaden their knowledge of Paris.
- Compare the French context with the US context and reuse the concepts and theories in other contexts.
- Utilize the analytical and methodological tools that will be useful for those who want to work in fields such as politics, social science, consulting, or urban development.

IES Paris Attendance Policy

Your academics are a priority, and regular class attendance is mandatory, respectful, and essential to academic success. Being absent from class will prevent you from maximizing your learning and will negatively affect your participation grade.

Lateness

Please arrive on time for each class meeting. Arriving late for class is disruptive for faculty members and students alike and will prevent you from maximizing your learning.

- 0 to 15 minutes = late
- Over 15 minutes = 1 absence

If you arrive late 3 times, it will be counted as an absence.

Absences

If you must be absent, please email both your professor and the academic team as soon as possible (mfedon@iesabroad.org) and (emaines@iesabroad.org). Absences for medical reasons and/or emergencies will be considered excused, but justification will be required. In this case, we will need:

- a *certificat médical*,
- from a French doctor,
- must be submitted within 24 hours of the absence,
- or proof of upcoming medical appointment.

If you are absent for an exam, presentation, or other graded in-class assignment, you must provide justification for the absence, or you will receive an automatic F.

Our attendance policy allows each student to miss one 3h course and two 1.5h class sessions without it affecting the final grade of the class. Above that, your final grade will be lowered. The following example is for a 1.5h class:

Final grade: A-

1 unexcused absence: A-

2 unexcused absences: A-

3 unexcused absences: B+

4 unexcused absences: B

And so on...

Lastly, an important reminder!

For any and all absences students are required to fill out the **ABSENCE FORM**, which can be found using the following link:

<https://airtable.com/appwRSChoi8XeQUhz/shrkeAL2VXGdy1RH5>

Any documentation FOR AN EXCUSED ABSENCE must be uploaded to this platform.

CONTENT: Part 1

Week & Session	Content	Assignments (Reading, homework, project due dates, exams)
	Part 1: Introduction to Paris and France	Readings & Assignments
Tuesday Jan. 21st 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course #01: Introduction ---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Getting to know each other - Syllabus review - Presentations will be assigned for each session ---	Jeremy POPKIN, <i>A History of Modern France</i> , Taylor & Francis Group, 2020 (5th ed.), chap. 6 ---
Thursday Jan. 23rd 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course #02: A short history of Paris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A brief history of the process of centralization in France - The turbulent history of Paris - Paris = France? 	Alfred COBBAN, <i>The Napoleonic System of Administration in France in Modern Law Review</i> , Modern law review, 1946, Vol.9 (1), p.52-57
Tuesday Jan. 28th 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course #03: The political and administrative status of Paris in France: US federalism vs. French centralism ---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regions, departments and municipalities: the territorial organization of France - The special status of Paris - The Mayor of Paris and the Préfet de Police ---	Jeremy POPKIN, <i>A History of Modern France</i> , Taylor & Francis Group, 2020 (5th ed.), chap. 7 ---
Thursday Jan. 30th 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course #04: The political and administrative status of Paris in France: The weight of Paris in French public policies and economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The largest and most dynamic region in France - How decisions made in Paris influence the rest of the country - “Paris contre Province”: is decentralization a possible future? 	Romain PASQUIER, <i>Regional and Local Government: Interpreting Territorial Politics Political Institutions in The Oxford Handbook of French Politics</i> , Oxford University Press, 2016, chapter 13. René Sedillot, <i>Not Paris, but the Provinces</i> , New-York Times, November 1954

CONTENT: Part 2

Week & Session	Content	Assignments (Reading, homework, project due dates, exams)
	Part 2: Paris and French politics	Readings & Assignments
Tuesday Feb. 4th 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course #05: The close relationship between Paris and the French government ---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who governs Paris - The role of the French government in the development of Paris ---	Philippe LUBRA and Peter NEWMAN, <i>"The role of the French government in the development of Paris"</i> , European Planning Studies, Vol. 16, No. 4, May 2008 Oral presentation ---
Thursday Feb. 6th 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course #06: The politics of Paris: parties and elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The French party system 	Andrew KNAPP, <i>France's party system in 2022 in Modern and Contemporary France</i> , Routledge, Vol. 30, No. 4, 2022 Oral presentation
Tuesday Feb. 11th 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course 07: The politics of Paris: parties and elections ---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The electoral sociology of Paris - The 2020 municipal elections ---	Nicolas SAUGER, <i>Political Representation: Bringing Elections Back In in The Oxford Handbook of French Politics</i> , Oxford University Press, 2016, chapter 14. Oral presentation ---
Thursday Feb. 13th 1:30pm – 2:15pm Course 08: The Mayor of Paris: a highway to a great political destiny? ---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The powers of the mayor of Paris and their limitations - A national political figure - Chirac, Tibéri, Delanoë: three ways to govern a city ---	J.V. TOWNSHEND, <i>A Mayor for Paris – An Early Example of Decentralization in Public Administration</i> , Royal Institute of Public Administration, Vol. 62, Winter 1984 ---
2:15pm – 3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Courses #01-06 	Quiz (30 minutes)
Feb. 24th – Mar. 02nd	SPRING BREAK	

CONTENT: Part 3

Week & Session	Content	Assignments (Reading, homework, project due dates, exams)
	Part 3: Economic issues in the Paris metropolitan area	Readings & Assignments
Tuesday Mar. 04th 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course #09: Housing in Paris: is there room left for the Parisians? ---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A short history of urbanism in Paris - The new sociology of Paris - A city for the rich and the tourists: the problem of housing for the middle-classes ---	Edmond PRÉTECEILLE, “Is gentrification a useful paradigm to analyze social changes in the Paris metropolis?”, <i>Environment and Planning</i> , vol. 39, n°1, 2007, pp. 10-31. Oral presentation ---
Thursday Mar. 06th 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course #10: Paris, old European city or modern global city?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The restructuring of French economics - Local city vs. global city - How does Paris compete with other world cities? 	Nathalie LEMARCHAND, <i>Mega-mall, global city and social issues of our times the case of Europacity in Paris</i> , Cities 114, 2021. Oral presentation
Tuesday Mar. 11th 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course 11: City vs. suburbs: a tale of two worlds ---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The socio-economic gap between Paris and the suburbs - West Paris vs. East Paris ---	Antonine RIBARDIERE, “Wealth and Poverty in Ile-de-France Working-class Municipalities: Are Housing Policies Games-changers?”, <i>L’espace Géographique</i> , vol. 45, n°1, 2016, pp. 61-78 Oral presentation ---
Thursday Mar. 13th 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course 12: Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course #01-12 	Midterm exam (90 minutes)

CONTENT: Part 4

Week & Session	Content	Assignments (Reading, homework, project due dates, exams)
	Part 4: Social issues in the Paris metropolitan area	Readings & Assignments
Tuesday Mar. 18th 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course #13: Race and ethnicity: are there ghettos in France? ---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - American affirmative action vs. French color-blindness - Issues about ethnicity and religion in France - The issue of discrimination: housing, jobs, education, politics ---	Robert LIEBERMAN, “A Tale of Two Countries: The Politics of Color Blindness in France and the United States”, French Politics, Culture & Society, Fall 2001, Vol. 19, No. 3, pp. 32-59. Oral presentation ---
Thursday Mar. 20th 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course #14: Film / Documentary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Film : Le Brio 	
Tuesday Mar. 25th 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course #15: Environmental and traffic issues: building a sustainable city ---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traffic in Paris: from Haussman to Hidalgo - The reshaping of Paris by Bertrand Delanoë - A city without cars? ---	Michel de la PRADELLE and Emmanuelle LALLEMENT, “Paris Plage: The City Is Ours”, <i>Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences</i> , vol. 595, September 2004, pp. 134-145. Oral presentation ---
Thursday Mar. 27th 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course #16: The future of Paris: « Le Grand Paris »	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public transportation and infrastructures - Integration of the suburbs? - Should Paris be extended? 	Theresa ENRIGHT, “Transit Debates and the Contested Regime of Metromobility in The Making of Grand Paris: Metropolitan Urbanism in the Twenty-First Century”, MIT Press, 2016”, pp. 97-124. Oral presentation

CONTENT: Part 5

Week & Session	Content	Assignments (Reading, homework, project due dates, exams)
	Part 5: Arts, culture and sports: the public policies of entertainment	Readings & Assignments
Tuesday Apr. 01st 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course #17: Cultural policies and monuments: art as a political issue ---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arts and culture in France: a national policy - A monumental city: economic and political issues around public monuments ---	Alkmini GKRTZALI, Joseph LAMPEL, Caroline WIERTZ, <i>"Blame it on Hollywood: The influence of films on Paris as product location"</i> , Journal of business research, 2016, Vol.69 (7), p.2363-2370. <u>Oral presentation</u> ---
Thursday Apr. 03rd 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course #18: Preparation for the final examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General instructions - Teams composition - Q&A 	<u>Preparation for the final examination</u>
Tuesday Apr. 08th 1:30pm – 3:30pm Course #19: Presentations ---	---	<u>Oral presentation</u> <u>Oral presentation</u> <u>Preparation for the final examination</u> ---
Thursday Apr. 10th 1:30pm – 3:30pm Course #20: Presentation & Quiz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Courses #13-19 	<u>Oral presentation</u> Quiz (30 minutes)
Friday Apr. 11th 3:00pm – 6:00pm Course #19/20: Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Musée Carnavalet 	Prepare the museum visit by browsing its website: https://www.carnavalet.paris.fr/en <u>Preparation for the final examination</u>

CONTENT: Part 6

Week & Session	Content	Assignments (Reading, homework, project due dates, exams)
	Part 6: Public safety in Paris: a dangerous city?	Readings & Assignments
Tuesday Apr. 15th 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course #23: Crime and fear of crime in Paris ---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A history of crime in Paris - Crime trends - Safe city, dangerous suburbs? ---	Sophie GONICK “Disciplining the Metropolis: Grand Paris, Immigration, and the Banlieue”, Berkeley Planning Journal, Volume 24, 2011, pp. 26-39. <u>Oral presentation (make-up date)</u> <u>Preparation for the final examination</u> ---
Thursday Apr. 17th 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course #24: Riots: crime or social movement?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Riots, a French tradition - Urban riots since the 1980s - What economic and social causes? 	Malika MANSOURI, Marion FELDMAN, Jonathan LACHAL, Elisabetta DOZIO, Mayssa EL HUSSEINI, Marie Rose MORO, “ <i>Silence, Rebellion, and Acting-Out of a Silenced Past: Understanding the French Riots From a Postcolonial and Transcultural Perspective</i> ”, Frontiers in Psychiatry, vol. 10, art. 909, 2019 <u>Oral presentation (make-up date)</u> <u>Preparation for the final examination</u>
Tuesday Apr. 22nd 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course #25: Safety policies in France and Paris: protecting the state or protecting the community? ---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do French police work? - Law enforcement vs. community policing - The Préfecture de police ---	Jean-Marc JAFFRÉ, “From Contact to Community Policing”, Research Note CREOGN, June 2017, No. 24. <u>Oral presentation (make-up date)</u> <u>Preparation for the final examination</u> ---
Thursday Apr. 24th 1:30pm – 3:00pm Course #26: Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mock Municipal Elections 	Final oral exam (90 minutes)

REQUIRED READINGS:

- Jeremy POPKIN, A Short History of the French Revolution, Prentice Hall, 2009 (5th ed.)
- Jeremy POPKIN, A History of Modern France, Taylor & Francis Group, 2020 (5th ed.)
- Alfred COBBAN, The Napoleonic System of Administration in France, Modern law review, 1946, Vol.9 (1), p.52-57
- Romain PASQUIER, Regional and Local Government: Interpreting Territorial Politics Political Institutions in The Oxford Handbook of French Politics, Oxford University Press, 2016, chapter 13
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- Alkmini GKRTIZALI, Joseph LAMPEL, Caroline WIERTZ, "Blame it on Hollywood: The influence of films on Paris as product location", Journal of business research, 2016, Vol.69 (7), p.2363-2370
- Kidron ANAT, Orr LEVENTAL, "National Buildings for Nation-Building: The Case of England's and France's National Football Stadiums", Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, 28:2, 125-142
- Damien GEFFROY, Robert OLIVER, Luke JURAN, Thomas SKUZINSKI, "Projecting the Metropolis: Paris 2024 and the (re)scaling of metropolitan governance", Cities, 2021, Vol.114, p.103189
- Sophie GONICK "Disciplining the Metropolis: Grand Paris, Immigration, and the Banlieue", Berkeley Planning Journal, Volume 24, 2011, pp. 26-39
- Malika MANSOURI, Marion FELDMAN, Jonathan LACHAL, Elisabetta DOZIO, Mayssa EL HUSSEINI, Marie Rose MORO, "Silence, Rebellion, and Acting-Out of a Silenced Past: Understanding the French Riots From a Postcolonial and Transcultural Perspective", Frontiers in Psychiatry, vol. 10, art. 909, 2019
- Jean-Marc JAFFRÉ, "From Contact to Community Policing", Research Note CREOGN, June 2017, No. 24

RECOMMENDED READING:

- Robert ELGIE, Emiliano GROSSMAN, Amy G. MAZUR "The Oxford Handbook of French Politics", Oxford University Press, 2016

INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHY:

Dr. Jean STUDZINSKA is a university professor and teaches political sciences, diplomacy, soft skills and communication courses in different higher education institutions in Paris (Sciences Po, Schiller University, Isipca...) Before that, he was lecturer in International Studies at the University of Innsbruck, Austria (UIBK) and speaker in Social Sciences for several other institutions. He began his academic career as instructor of French at the University of New Orleans (UNO).

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Simultaneously, Jean Studzinska is political advisor at the French Senate, specializing in finance, immigration, health, defense, and French foreign policy. He also founded a multicompetence auditing and advisory company and assists companies in their hiring needs, internal and external communication needs, as well as lobbying and public affairs needs. He also has a strong interest and expertise in guiding companies in defining or revamping their CSR policies.