

Descriptif d'enseignement

Etudiants internationaux uniquement / Only international students
Semestre 1

Titre du cours

Society, Values and Identity in Europe.

Type de cours : Cours magistral

Langue du cours/Language of instruction : English

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Résumé du cours – Objectifs

This seminar intends to present the main aspects of the French society, compared with other European industrialized countries. Indeed, the main objective is to analyze how the French society functions, taking into account some of the main historical steps which established the basis of the welfare system, of the labor market, the role of women in society, the system of education, etc. Comparisons with other countries will be encouraged during all the seminar and students will be also encouraged to present the functioning of their own country. At the end of the seminar, students have to be able to understand some of the important issues in France and what is mainly at stake in contemporary debates.

Evaluation

20% of the overall grade: attendance and participation.

30% of the overall grade: oral presentation/debates.

50% of the overall grade: research paper (choice among two topics; 10 000/15 000 characters, all included).

Plan – Séances

Introduction: presentation of the seminar: syllabus, targets, evaluation, course plan.

Chapter 1: Class, group or professional status: how to analyze the social structure? Evolution of the industrialized countries' social structure: the end of social class? Sociology of economic and social inequalities.

Chapter 2: The French Welfare System.

Chapter 3: The system of education in France: historical steps, functioning and challenges.

Chapter 4: Civil society: the study of social movements in France (1); Women's Movements and feminism (2).

General Conclusion.

Each theme will be studied in a comparative way.

Bibliographie :

Here are just suggested readings; more concise references will be mentioned at the beginning of each chapter.

Marianne Blanchard, Joanie Cayouette-Remblière, *Sociologie de l'école*, La Découverte, coll. Repères, 2016.

Alistair Cole, *French Politics and Society*, Pearson Education, 2005 (2nd Edition).

Robert Elgie, Emiliano Grossman, Amy G. Mazur, *The Oxford Handbook of French Politics*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2016.

Esping-Andersen G. *Les trois mondes de l'Etat-providence. Essai sur le capitalisme moderne*, Paris, coll. Le lien social, éd. PUF, 1999.

Louis Dirn, *La Société Française en tendances*, Paris, PUF, 1998.

Adrian Favell, Virginie Guiraudon, *Sociology of the European Union*, New York, Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

Henri Mendras, *L'Europe des européens. Sociologie de l'Europe occidentale*, Paris, Folio, 1997.

Academic reviews: French politics, West European politics; European Integration; European Journal of Political Research, *Revue française de sociologie*, *Revue française de science politique*.

French newspapers: *Le Monde*, *Libération*, *Le Figaro*...