

SYLLABUS DE COURS

Intitulé du cours : **American Political Society**

Nom de l'enseignant : **SCOFFONI**

Prénom : **Guy**

Périodicité : Annuel

Semestriel (1)

Semestriel (2)

Niveau d'enseignement concerné :

1^{ère} année

2^{ème} année

4^{ème} année Master 1

5^{ème} année Master 2

Cours spécifique étudiants internationaux

Conférence de Méthode

Cours Magistral

Objectifs pédagogiques du cours :

The objective of the course is to analyze the components and institutions of the American Political Society in a comparative and European perspective. An emphasis will be made on the specificity of the American system and on the influence of the United States throughout the world.

The United States represents a land of contrasts, paradoxes and a symbol of modernity, and the American experience is often valued or criticized. One of the major discussions throughout the course will lead to consider the impact of American institutions on modern societies. We will also be discussing the international role of the United States in a new global context.

Contenu / descriptif du cours :

The influence of history and religion, along with European heritage, are first considered, to explain the development of the American political society.

The course includes three major parts: the foundations of the United States and the establishing of the American democracy (I), Unity and diversity of the American polity (II) and Democratic institutions and balances (III). The discussions will focus in particular on the major actors of the present American political society (political parties, lobbies, press, media...), equality, diversity and affirmative action policies and the importance of the Constitution, the Judiciary and Federalism for the balancing of powers and the protection of Civil Rights and Freedoms.

Indications bibliographiques :

Richard S. Katz, Political Institutions in the United States, New York, Oxford University Press, 2007

Bob Woodward, The Price of Politics, Simon and Schuster, New York, 2012