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| Discipline: Political Science | Sub-discipline: | | |
| General Course Title:  **Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics** | | | Min. Units 3 |
| General Course Description:  Comparative analysis of different kinds of political systems, including their history, political behavior, institutions, processes and policies, the environments in which they occur, and their consequences. | | | |
| Number: POLS 130 | Suffix: | | |
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| Required Prerequisites or Co-Requisites[[1]](#footnote-1) None | | | |
| Advisories/Recommended Preparation[[2]](#footnote-2) None | | | |
| Course Content:   1. Introduce different regime types and their resulting institutions in political systems. 2. Discuss theory regarding the stability of regimes and transitions from one regime type to another. 3. Include actual country examples of each regime type in terms of institutions, processes, political culture, historical/cultural context, and role of the people. 4. Discuss the role of the state and popular participation in political and economic development within countries. 5. Introduce the use of the comparative method by utilizing diverse historical, regional, cultural, political, environmental, and economic case studies. | | | |
| Course Objectives: *At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:*   1. Identify the role of the state. 2. Distinguish among regime types and their central features. 3. Compare political systems, both in theory and with actual country examples. 4. Explain the impact of the regional, environmental, economic, historical and cultural factors on political behavior and institutions. 5. Analyze political systems by using the comparative method. | | | |
| Methods of Evaluation:  May include as appropriate:  In-class or take-home examinations  Research papers or projects  Written assignments  Analytical papers  Simulations  Oral presentations  Participation in class discussions and debates | | | |
| Sample Textbooks, Manuals, or Other Support Materials  Any college-level introduction to comparative politics textbook including, but not limited to  Barrington. *Comparative Politics: Structures and Choices*.  Bozonelos et al. *Introduction to Comparative Politics.*  Drogus and Orvis. *Introducing Comparative Politics.*  Hauss. *Comparative Politics: Domestic Responses to Global Challenges*.  Kesselman. Krieger, Joseph. *Introduction to Comparative Politics.*  Magstadt. *Nations and Government: Comparative Politics in Regional Perspective*.  O’Neil. *Essentials of Comparative Politics.*  Powell, Dalton and Strom. *Comparative Politics Today: A World View*  Powell, Dalton and Strom. *Comparative Politics Today: A Theoretical Framework*  Roskin. *Countries and Concepts: Politics, Geography and Culture*  Sodaro. *Comparative Politics: A Global Introduction*.  May also include supplementary materials such as, but not limited to, primary sources, readers, etc. | | | |
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1. Prerequisite or co-requisite course need to be validated at the CCC level in accordance with Title 5 regulations; co-requisites for CCCs are the linked courses that must be taken at the same time as the primary or target course. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Advisories or recommended preparation will not require validation but are recommendations to be considered by the student prior to enrolling. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)