

CATALOG INFORMATION

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Dept & Nbr: POL 201 Title: COMPARATIVE POLITICS
Full Title: Comparative Politics

Units	Course Hours	Per Week	Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours	Total
Max: 3.0	Lecture	3.0	17	Lecture	51.0
Min: 3.0	Lab	0.0		Lab	0.0
	Contact DHR	0.0		Contact DHR	0.0
	Contact Total	3.0		Contact Total	51.0
	Non-contact DHR	0.0		Non-contact DHR	0.0

Title 5 Category: 01 AA Degree Applic
Grading: GC Credit course for grade or CR/NC
Repeatability: 00 No repeatability allowed or defined
Also listed as:

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

This course compares and analyzes the political institutions, the political culture and the contemporary political issues of selected European, Asian and developing countries.

PREREQUISITES:

COREQUISITES:

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION:

ENG 200

LIMITS ON ENROLLMENT:

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES INFORMATION:

Recommended: ENG 200

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Transfer Credit: CSU; UC.

ARTICULATION and CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Effective: FALL 1981 Inactive:
Area: B2 SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

CSU GE: Effective: FALL 1981 Inactive:
Transfer area: D8 POLITICAL SCI., GOVT./LEGAL INSTITUTIONS

IGETC: Effective: FALL 1981 Inactive:
Transfer area: 4H POLITICAL SCIENCE

CSU TRANSFER: TRANSFERABLE Effective: FALL 1981 Inactive:

UC TRANSFER: TRANSFERABLE Effective: FALL 1981 Inactive:

CAN:

CERTIFICATE APPLICABLE: N NOT CERTIFICATE/MAJOR APPLICABLE

APPROVAL AND DATES

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 Curriculum approved: 06/01/1981 Version approved: 03/16/2007
 Prerequisites approved: 06/01/1981 Last reviewed: 03/16/2007
 Term effective: FALL 2007 Last taught: Inactive:

COURSE CONTENT

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OUTCOME AND OBJECTIVES:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the major features of and differences between the major political systems in the contemporary world.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the different responses of major world powers to the crucial issues facing the world today.

TOPICS AND SCOPE:

1. Introduction: An overview of the factors which shape each political system
 - a. History and geography
 - b. Social and cultural attitudes
 - c. Ideological factors (Democracy, communism, etc.)
 - d. Formal constitution (if any)
 - e. Political structure
 - f. Political parties
 - g. Public opinion and elections
 - h. Political leaders
 - i. Domestic policy
 - j. Foreign policy
2. Selected case studies of modern political systems
 - a. Great Britain
 - b. France
 - c. Germany
 - d. Soviet Union
 - e. China
 - f. Japan
 - g. The Near East (Israel, Iraq, Jordan)

ASSIGNMENTS:

READING ASSIGNMENTS:

Students will be required to read assigned chapters in course textbook excerpts from journal and magazine articles.

WRITING ASSIGNMENTS:

1. In-class essay examination questions

2. Optional research paper

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:

Students are expected to spend a minimum of two hours of independent work out of class for each unit of credit in order to prepare for class discussion and for course examinations.

ASSIGNMENTS THAT DEMONSTRATE CRITICAL THINKING:

1. Essay examinations test students' ability to analyze the crucial issues and topics covered in the course.
2. Optional research paper requires students to synthesize and analyze major historical interpretations on various topics in Comparative Government.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:

Lecture, class discussion of assigned reading, and video presentations.

METHODS OF EVALUATION:

Substantial writing assignments, including: Exam(s), term or other papers (approximately 80%); Objective examinations, including: Identification (approximately 20%).

BASIS FOR GRADING:

The assignment of a grade is based on the level of achievement of the outcomes and objectives of the course outline and is reflected in quantifiable terms in the course syllabus.

REPRESENTATIVE TEXTBOOKS:

Comparative Politics: An Introduction, Rolf H. W. Theen/Frank L. Wilson, 4th edition/hardbound, Prentice-Hall Publishing

REASON FOR REVISION

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POL 201 has suffered from low enrollment in the past. The current course description and title do not do this course justice. A new course description and title may better attract students interested in politics and world issues.

RESOURCES REQUIRED

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Advisory generate desc:	N	NO
Area department:	POL	POLITICAL SCIENCE
Audit flag:	N	NOT AUDITABLE
Basic skills:	X	NOT BASIC SKILLS
Classification:	A	Liberal Arts and Sciences
Cost level:	01	
Disciplines:		POLITICAL SCIENCE
Division:	02	MERIDITH RANDALL
Faculty service areas:		POLITICAL SCIENCE
Fee:	\$0.00	
In-service:	X	NOT IN-SERVICE
Level below transfer:	X	NOT APPLICABLE
Matric-requiring:	X	Exempt from assessment
Maximum class size:	0	
Maximum wait list:	0	
Method of instruction:	02	LECTURE
Non-credit category:	X	NOT APPLICABLE, CREDIT COURSE
Open entry/exit:	N	Not open entry/exit
Pacs activity:	2207	POLITICAL SCIENCE
Pacs program project:	0000	
Preq/coreq generate desc:	N	NO
Preq/coreq provisional:	N	NO
Preq/coreq reg check:	N	NO PREREQUISITE RULES EXIST
Repeat group id:		
Requires instructor sig:	N	INSTRUCTOR'S SIGNATURE NOT REQUIRED
SAM classification:	E	Non-occupational
Selected/special topic:	N	NOT A SELECTED TOPIC COURSE
Special class:	X	NOT A SPECIAL COURSE
TOP code:	2207.00	POLITICAL SCIENCE
Workload:	0.0000	