



Basic Course Information

Semester:	Spring 2022	Instructor Name:	Adam Ekins
Course Title & #:	POLS 104 Comparative Pol.	Email:	Adam.ekins@imperial.edu
CRN #:	20561	Webpage (optional):	n/a
Classroom:	Room 403	Office #:	n/a
Class Dates:	2/14/22-6/10/22	Office Hours:	By appointment
Class Days:	W	Office Phone #:	n/a
Class Times:	6-9pm	Emergency Contact:	n/a
Units:	3	Class Format:	Face to face

Course Description

A comparative study of modern political systems. Emphasis upon patterns of political action and problems of decision-making in various cultural contexts. (C-ID POLS 130) (CSU/UC)

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Develop an understanding of the world community.
2. Compare and contrast national governments around the world.
3. Participate in activities that promote global good (e.g., community service, bi-national community service, international charities).

Course Objectives

1. Identify and describe the purpose of comparative politics.
2. Explain the methodology for comparing the political systems of major countries with that of the United States.
3. Describe the political system of Great Britain including its history and traditions, political process, political institutions, and public policy.
4. Summarize the key elements of the political system of France such as its political development, political process, political institutions, and public policy.
5. Discuss the government of West Germany and elaborate on West Germany's history and socioeconomic setting, political process, political institutions, and public policy.
6. Demonstrate a knowledge and an understanding of the government of the Soviet Union including the political environment, the Communist party, the political process and institutions, and domestic and foreign policies.
7. Describe the political system of China focusing on the political environment, the state and the Communist party, the support system, and its public policy and foreign relations.
8. Demonstrate a knowledge and an understanding of the government of Japan including Japan's political development, political process, political institutions, and public policy.



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Textbook

Roskin, Michael. *Countries and Concepts: Politics, Geography, Culture*. 13th ed., Pearson.
ISBN: 978-0133951455

Course Grading

ASSIGNMENTS:	POINTS POSSIBLE:
Attendance	140 points
Online Quizzes	360 points
Online Exams	500 points

GRADE BREAKDOWN:

900-1000 points: A
800-900 points: B
700-800 points: C
600-700 points: D
< 600 points: F

Quizzes and Exams:

You will have three exams throughout the semester covering Chapters 1-5 (worth 200 pts), Chapters 6-7 (worth 100 points) and Chapters 8-12 (worth 200 points). You will also take an online quiz for each chapter read. Quizzes and exams will be open note and online and may include matching, multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions.

Course Policies

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Any attempt to cheat and/or plagiarize in this class will result in the maximum disciplinary action possible according to IVC's school wide rules and regulations on student discipline.

If you cheat/plagiarize on any assignment you will receive a zero for that assignment and possibly an F for the entire course.

I have no patience for cheating so don't test me on this one. I won't listen to excuses or sob stories after the fact, so if you have any question about what constitutes cheating or plagiarism, please be sure to ask me about it sooner rather than later.

LATE WORK:

My general policy is that I do not accept late work. In rare circumstances when I feel there are justifiable reasons for finishing something late (or if I'm feeling particularly generous) I may still allow you to turn in late work with whatever penalty I deem appropriate. Do not count on this. Turn your work in on time.



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Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Week/Date	Topic	Assignments Due
Week 1 2/16	Syllabus & Introduction	Acquire textbook ASAP
Week 2 2/23	Chapter 1: What is Comparative Politics All About?	Quiz 1 due 11:59pm 2/27
Week 3 3/2	Chapter 2: The United Kingdom	Quiz 2 due 11:59pm 3/6
Week 4 3/9	Chapter 3: France	Quiz 3 due 11:59pm 3/13
Week 5 3/16	Chapter 4: Germany	Quiz 4 due 11:59pm 3/20
Week 6 3/23	Chapter 5: Japan	Quiz 5 due 11:59pm 3/27
Week 7 3/30	The Rules of Democracy and Why They Matter Exam I review	Exam I due 11:59pm 4/3
Week 8 4/6	Chapter 6: Russia	Quiz 6 due 11:59pm 4/10
Week 9 4/13	Chapter 7: China	Quiz 7 due 11:59 pm 4/17 Exam II due 4/24
Week 10 NO CLASS	Spring Break	You can complete Exam II before or after the break
Week 11 4/27	Chapter 8: India	Quiz 8 due 11:59 pm 5/1
Week 12 5/2	Chapter 9: Mexico	Quiz 9 due 11:59 pm 5/8
Week 13 5/9	Chapter 10: Brazil	Quiz 10 due 11:59 pm 5/15
Week 14 5/16	Chapter 11: Nigeria	Quiz 11 due 11:59 pm 5/22
Week 15 5/23	Chapter 12: Iran	Quiz 12 due 11:59 pm 5/29
Week 16 6/3	Epilogue: Lessons Learned Exam III review	Exam III due 11:59 pm 6/5

*****Subject to change without prior notice*****