

Political Science 002 – Modern World Governments

Section 16597 - Mondays – Wednesdays – 10:35am – 12:00pm

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Text: Comparative Politics: Structures and Choices, 2nd edition by Lowell Barrington (Previous editions of this book is an acceptable substitution, going back to the 1st edition.)

Description:

This course is a comparative study of the major governments of the modern world in terms of their ideologies, political institutions and processes, political cultures, and foreign policies. Emphasis is placed on the governments of United Kingdom, France, Germany, Mexico, Brazil, Russia, China, India, Nigeria and Iran. In this class we will be examining different types of structures (economic, cultural, identity, political), before turning to how individuals are linked to the political system and how they make political choices. Ultimately, we will take a look at how structures and choices interact, including the extent to which existing economies, social, political structures both constrain decision makers and provide them with opportunities.

Important! Drop Date Information

The deadline to drop without a "W" is the last day of Week 2 (of the semester), which is **September 8th for Fall 2019**. If you must drop a course, drop before the specified deadline for dropping a class without a grade of "W." Dropping after Week 2 will result in a "W" on your transcript. **The last date to drop a class with a "W" is November 17th**. Effective since July 1, 2012 students now have just 3 attempts to pass a class. If a student gets a "W" or grade of "D", "F", "I", or "NP" in a class, that will count as an attempt. A student's past record of course attempts district wide will also be considered. Therefore, before the end of Week 2 you should carefully consider if you can reasonably manage this course with the other factors in your life (e.g. work, family, course load). If you think you will not be able to complete this course with a C or better, drop by Sunday, September 8th. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to me.

Short-term classes: Drop dates for short-term classes are not the same as full semester classes. For specific deadline dates, please contact the Admissions Office.

Attendance: I will be taking attendance officially for the 1st 3 weeks. After that, I will not take attendance for the rest of the semester, except on exam days. Each student is still responsible to come to class as scheduled.

Remember, it is your responsibility, as an enrolled student, that if you decide not to attend anymore class sessions, you need to drop the class. Don't assume that I will notice you are not attending the class at all and I will drop you from the class for you. If you don't drop the class on your own, you may receive an 'F' in the course, which will bring down your entire GPA and could crush your hopes, dreams, and aspirations! Please, don't make me do that to you!! Please, be responsible, and drop the course if you plan to no longer to attend the course.

Cheating- unauthorized material used during an examination (including electronic devices), changing answers after work has been graded, taking an exam for another student, forging or altering attendance sheets or other documents in the course, looking at another student's paper/scantron/essay/computer or exam with or without their approval is considered cheating. Any student caught cheating will receive a zero for the assignment/exam and referred to the Department chair and/or Student Services for further disciplinary action.

Plagiarism- Plagiarism is defined as the act of using ideas, words, or work of another person or persons as if they were one's own, without giving proper credit to the original sources. This includes definitions found online on Wikipedia, materials from blogs, twitter, or other similar electronic resources. The following examples are intended to be representative, but not all inclusive:

- failing to give credit by proper citations for others ideas and concepts, data and information, statements and phrases, and/or interpretations and conclusions.
- failing to use quotation marks when quoting directly from another, whether it be a paragraph, a sentence, or a part thereof
- Paraphrasing the expressions or thought by others without appropriate quotation marks or attribution
- Representing another's artistic/scholarly works such as essays, computer programs, photographs, paintings, drawings, sculptures or similar works as one's own.

First offense, you will receive a zero for the assignment in question. Any further offenses may result in expulsion from the class, as determined by the disciplinary action from the Office of Student Services.

Reasonable Accommodations: If you are a student with a disability and require accommodations, please send me a private email. The sooner I am aware of your eligibility for accommodations, the quicker I will be able to assist the DSP&S Office in providing them. For students requiring accommodations, the DSP&S Office at Mission College provides special assistance in areas like: registering for courses, specialized tutoring, note-taking, mobility assistance, special instruction, testing assistance, special equipment, special materials, instructor liaisons, community referrals and job placement. If you have not done so already, you may also wish to contact the DSP&S Office in Instructional Building 1018 (Phone: (818) 364-7732 TTD: (818) 364-7861), and bring a letter stating the accommodations that are needed.

Management of Stress and Mental health:

As a student, not only do you have the pressure of succeeding in school, you may also be contending with work, financial issues, relationships, managing time effectively, getting enough sleep, etc. You can learn more about the broad range of confidential student services offered on campus, including counseling and mental health services, by visiting the Student Health Center (SHC), which is currently located in the Bungalow just behind the Collaborative Studies Building*. <http://www.lamission.edu/healthcenter/contacthours.aspx> or calling: 818 362-6182. I also encourage you to enter the **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number (1-800-273-8255)** into your cell phone in case you or someone you know is in distress and needs someone to talk.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!:

Grades will not be affected by the political views or comments of the students. To show respect for your fellow students' beliefs, views, and ideas is the number one priority! However, during the course of classroom discussion, anyone whom says any comments with any racial or ethnic slurs is subject to being dropped immediately from the class.

Requirements:

Three Exams

Each exam will be worth 100 points. The exams will consist of 50 multiple choice questions worth 2 points each. They will cover material from the text and lectures. The lowest score from the 1st 2 exams will be dropped from your final grade. For those students whom miss either of 1st 2 exams, that exam will be dropped from your point total. **Everyone must take the final exam.** There will be review sessions of the study guide for the 1st 2 exams on September 23rd and October 26th.. **The review session for the final exam will take place on December 4th. The final exam WILL NOT be cumulative.** A week before each exam, I will give everyone in class via email, a study guide for the exam.

Exam #1: September 25th

Exam #2: October 28th

Exam #3, The Final Exam: December 11th at 10:00am

Country Comparison Research Paper

Students will be select two countries to analyze their political, social, and economic structure. Students MAY NOT pick the United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Mexico, Brazil, Russia, China, India, Nigeria and Iran. The minimum length of this paper should be at least six pages, double space. **This paper will be due December 2nd** . The paper is worth 100 points.

Extra Credit

You may earn up to 60 points through extra credit. You may do two of the three extra credit assignments available. Your earned points will be applied over and above the points you earn in the class. Extra credit must be turned in by **December 11th**, or earlier either in person or via email.

Grade Evaluation:

Grade evaluation will be based solely on performance and quality of work of the exams, research paper, and extra credit assignments, should you choose to do those. The grade breakdown for this course, with a total available maximum of 300 points on the exams and research paper, will be the following:

- A – 270 – 300 points
- B – 240 – 269 points
- C-- 210 – 239 points
- D-- 151 – 211 points
- F – 150 points or less

Chapter and Lecture Outlines

I will give all of you chapter and lecture outlines that will help you read the book and study the lecture material for this class. The chapter outlines will also save you time on reading the actual chapters as well. I will e-mail all of you a copy of the chapter outlines that I will use to lecture the class that week. I give you these chapter outlines to not only help all of you out with understanding the material and studying, but as a courtesy service to make sure that all of you have a every tool available to you to succeed in this class and do the best you possibly can. In addition, I will allow everyone permission to record my lectures, should you need to with a portable tape recorder. All class documents can be found at the following website: <http://www.lamission.edu/~jokelm>

At the end of the semester you will

1. Compare the structures of branches of governments across diverse states
2. Compare and contrast presidential and parliamentary systems
3. Describe leadership styles across countries analyzed in this course

Course Schedule:

Week	Topic	Required Reading
8/26 – 8/28 – Week 1	Introduction, What is Political Science, and Comparative Politics. Intro to Politics and Government. 8/26 Country Comparison Paper Overview	Comparative Politics Chapter 1
9/2 – 9/4– Week 2	Societies, Nations, and States No Class 9/2: Labor Day	Comparative Politics Chapter 2
9/9 – 9/11 – Week 3	Economic Class and Development	Comparative Politics Chapter 3
9/16 – 9/18 – Week 4	Political Culture and Ideology	Comparative Politics Chapter 4
9/23 – 9/25 – Week 5	Examination 1: Multiple Choice Review Session on 9/23	None – Study Guide
9/30 – 10/2 – Week 6	Identity Structure	Comparative Politics Chapter 5
10/7 – 10/9 - Week 7	Political Systems NO CLASS – 10/9	Comparative Politics Chapter 6
10/14 – 10/16 – Week 8	Legislatures and Executives	Comparative Politics Chapter 7
10/21 – 10/23 – Week 9	Judiciaries and Militaries	Comparative Politics Chapter 8

10/28 – 10/30 Week 10	Examination #2 Multiple Choice. Review Session on 10/28.	Study Guide
11/4 – 11/6 – Week 11	Research Paper Workshop. NO CLASS – 11/6	None
11/11 – 11/13 Week 12	Political Participation and Interest Groups No Class 11/11: Veterans Day	Comparative Politics Chapter 9
11/18 – 11/20 – Week 13	Political Parties and Electoral Systems	Comparative Politics Chapter 10
11/25 – 11/27 – Week 14	Leadership and Political Choices NO CLASS 11/27 Thanksgiving	Comparative Politics Chapter 11
12/2 - 12/4 – Week 15	Regime Transitions Final Exam Review 12/4 Country Comparison Paper due 12/2	Comparative Politics Chapter 12
12/11 – Week 16	Examination 3: The Final Exam Multiple Choice The exam will begin at 10am	