



C-ID Descriptor

Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics

Descriptor Details

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General 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.

Prerequisites

None

Corequisites

None

Advisories

None

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.

Lab Activities

No information provided

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.

Evaluation Methods

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

Textbooks

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.