
Political Science 11: Introduction to Comparative Politics

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Objectives and Approach: This course will explore questions and concepts in contemporary comparative politics, particularly how democratic governments arise, function, and perform.

Readings: Appear on E-RESERVES (<http://reserves.ucsd.edu>) and the course WEBSITE, both restricted to UCSD IP addresses (see libraries website for off-campus access to both URLs). It is highly recommended that you print out these readings for easy reading and note-taking. Readings will also be assigned from the following BOOKS, which have been ordered by the UCSD bookstore and put on reserve at the UCSD library.

- 1) Huntington. *The Third Wave*, University of Oklahoma Press, 1991.
- 2) Wood. *Forging Democracy From Below: Insurgent Transitions in South Africa and El Salvador*, Cambridge University Press, 2000.
- 3) Lijphart. *Patterns of Democracy*, Yale University Press, 1999.
- 4) Putnam. *Making Democracy Work*, Princeton University Press, 1993.

Course Assignments and Grading: Assignments include a final examination (40%), 3 short papers (40% total), and section performance as determined by your TA (20%).

Exam: The final exam will cover the entire course, including all of the readings and all the lecture material. You must take the exam to receive a non-failing grade. Make-up exams will *not* be given. If there is an exceptional circumstance that would merit a make-up exam, it must be approved by me in advance.

Papers: Prompts and due dates will be given out in class and posted on the website. Papers must be in hard copy and will be collected at the end of class on the due date. All papers not turned in in class on the due date will be 'late', and will be docked 1/3rd of a letter grade plus 1/3rd a grade for each additional day they are not turned in. (Late papers can be turned in by email to your TA, but it is your responsibility to see that TA's receive your papers on the day you send them and in a format that they can read and print.) Any and all requests for paper re-grades will cause the entire paper to be reevaluated, and may result in a lower grade.

Academic dishonesty will without exception be reported to the student's dean for disciplinary action. The papers are meant to be *your own* writing and analysis. There is a zero-tolerance policy for plagiarism.

Attendance in lecture and section is required. You are expected to do the reading for each week and be prepared to discuss the reading in section.

Disclaimer: This syllabus is intended to provide an overview for the course. You cannot claim any rights from it. In particular, scheduling and dates may change. Although the syllabus should be a reliable guide for the course, official announcements are always those made in class.

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