

Winter 2012

Political Science 120A *Political Development*

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SSB 375

The purpose of this course is to provide an analytical introduction to the application of contemporary analytic political science to the understanding of historical and contemporary political issues.

The course will focus on the 4 origins of the modern state; the conditions of the democratic stability and instability, and the political economy of modern democracies.

Course grades will be based on one take home mid-term (40%, assigned approximately the end of the 5th week) and one take home final (60% assigned approximately Friday of the 10th week).

There are no prerequisites and all are welcome.

Readings:

Ertmans, Thomas, *Birth of the Leviathan*—Read entire book by fifth week

Mann, Michael, *Fascists*—Read entire book by tenth week

Lijphart, Arend, *Patterns of Democracy*

Spruyt, Hendrik, *The Sovereign State and Its Competitors*

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