

University of California, San Diego
Political Science 120C (Winter 2015)

Politics in France

Winter, 2015
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General:

This course examines the development and functioning of the modern French political system with particular focus on the Fifth Republic. Our analysis focuses on constitutional design, core institutions, ideological traditions, the French party system, elections and current policy dilemmas. Issues of European integration also constitute critical focal points for our understanding of modern French politics.

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Evaluation:

Two Examinations only: Your grade will be calculated on the basis on a mid-term and final examination.

Mid-Term Exam in class: February 11, 2015	(50%)
Final Take-home due no later than 11 am, 20 March 2015	(50%)

Required Readings:

Cole, Alistair, Sophie Meunier, Vincent Tiberj, eds., *Developments in French Politics V* (Macmillan, 2013)

William Chandler, ed, *Politics in France: de Gaulle to Hollande* (Coursepack 2015, University Readers), order online only at <https://students.universityreaders.com/store/>.

***I. Introduction to the Fifth Republic:
Institutional Design, Political Contexts***

Cole et al. Chap 1, "From Sarkozy to Hollande ..."

Chandler, "Hollande's Trouble Presidency", 2015, in CP

II. Political Traditions: from Louis XIV to Charles de Gaulle ...

Readings:

In CP:

Michael Marrus, "En Famille: the Dreyfus Affair and its Myths".

Charles Cogan, *Charles de Gaulle* (1996), pp. 26-35, 41-55.

Charles Sowerwine, Chapter 21, pp. 296-306.

III. Political Institutions and the Governing Process

Readings:

Elgie, "The French Presidency", in Cole, chap. 2.

Brouard et al., "The New French Parliament", in Cole, chap. 3

Elgie and Machin, "France: The Limits of Prime-Ministerial Govt in a Semi-Presidential System".

W.M. Chandler, "Notes on the French Senate" Jan 2015

Optional:

Andrew Knapp 1991 "The *Cumul des Mandats, ...*". (RR Lib only)

Kuhn, "The Media" in Cole. Chap.

IV. Ideological Divisions and Party Politics

- a) France's "political families": Cleavage Bases and Party System,
- b) Mass Mobilization and Political Protest
- c) Electoral trends and the 2012 Elections,
- d) Alternative modes of Elections
- e) Municipal and Senate Elections 2008-11: The dissing of Sarkozy; 2014: The dissing of Hollande.

Readings:

Hagel, "UMP and the Right", chap 6, Sawicki "Socialists...", Cole chap. 7,

Gougou and Labouret, "Elections...", Cole chap. 10

Perrineau, Pascal, *Le Vote Rupture* Maps, # 8, 11, 13, 19; Tables pp. 285, 286, 298, 299.

Baume, Maia and S. Erlanger, "In France, New Chapter in Saga of All the President's Women", NYT, 11 Sept. 2012.

Erlanger and Clark, "Vote for French Opposition Leader raises tensions", NYT, Nov. 2012.

V. *A New Era in French Politics: From Sarkozy to Hollande*

Cole et al. Chap. 1 (review)

Stimson et al., “Evolution of Political Attitudes...”, Chap. 11 .

H. Carnegy, “Hollande’s Appeal”, *Financial Times*, 14 March 2014.

The Economist, “Special Report on France:...”, 17 Nov. 2012.

VI. *Elites, Economic Interests, Strikes, Protest Politics*

Social and economic change and policy development. Parties and pressure groups in the policy process . Presidential Power from de Gaulle to Hollande?

Readings:

Smith, “France in Crisis...”, Chap 12.

Goldhammer, “Interests...”, Chap. 9

Carnegy, Hugh, “Aux Barricades”, *Financial Times*, 1 Dec 2012,

Boxwell, James, “France struggles to stem industrial decline” *Financial Times*, 2012.

The Economist, “The last Valls”, 4 Oct. 2014, pp. 29,30, 32.

MID-TERM EXAMINATION in class: 10:00-10:50 am, WED. Feb 11, 2015

VII. *France in Europe and the World*

Foreign Policy, Eurozone in Crisis, and Sarkozy’s Presidency.

Readings:

Drake, Chap. 14, in Cole.

Meunier, Chap. 15, in Cole,

Howorth, Chap. 16, in Cole,

Erlanger, “France’s Role in Three Conflicts Displays a More Muscular Policy”, 2011.

Erlanger, S., “A Career Recharged, along with Franc’s Global Role”, NYT, 2011,

The Economist, “The feeling’s mutual” 26 May 2012.

VIII. *Economic and Social Policy*

Readings:

Surreal, “Politics and Justice”, Chap. 4.

Wagstyl, “Europe pessimistic on income inequality...”, FT, 18 Aug. 2014.

Boxwell, James, “France struggles to stem industrial decline” FT, 10 April 2012.

Carnegy, Hugh, “Aux Barricades”, *Financial Times*, 1 Dec 2012,

IX. The Politics of Immigration, Integration and Territory

Identity, Citizens and the State
Regions and Territorial Politics

Readings:

P. Simon, "Contested Citizenship in France (Cole Chap. 13)
E. Scolino, "A maze of identities for Muslims of France",
Erlanger and de la Baume, "French Panel Debates Secularism and Islam", NYT, April
2011.
Cole and Pasquier, "Local and Regional Governance", Chap. 4

X. Comparative Perspectives on French Politics

Evaluating French Democracy in the Fifth Republic and within the European Union,

Charlemagne, *The Economist*, "The feeling's mutual" 26 May 2012.
H. Carnegie, "End of the Affair", *Financial Times*, 6 May 2013.

FINAL Take-home EXAMINATION: to be distributed in last week of classes. Take-Home Exam is due no later than 11 am, 20 March 2015, in classroom PCYNH 122.

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. The University of California, San Diego policy requires that suspicious papers will be run through *Turn It In* (turnitin.com) and referred to the Dean. Always cite work that is not your own. Direct quotes and paraphrases require full citations. When in doubt, ask the instructor.

Pol Sci. 120 C Reserve Readings, Winter, 2015

William Safran, *The French Polity*, 7th edition paperback (Longman, 2008)

Drake, *Contemporary France*, (Palgrave 2011)

Andrew Knapp 1991 "The *Cumul des Mandats*, Local Power and Political Parties in France"
West European Politics, 14,1 pp 18-40.
