

Political Science 106: Politics of the World's Nations

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

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Course Description

This introductory course will compare the political and socio-economic systems of several states— industrialized and developing, democratic and authoritarian. We begin with a theoretical introduction and consider central issues such as political culture, institutions, political crises, and discontinuity (i.e., revolution and dictatorship), and economic development. We then examine the following six case studies: two Western European democracies (Britain and France), a former communist regime (Russia), a reformed communist regime (China), a developing state (Mexico), and finally our own presidential democracy (the United States).

Grades

Grades will be based on two midterms (25% each), one final exam (35%), and attendance and participation (15%). No make-up exams will be given without a medical excuse or an excused University absence. Students must also produce the appropriate documentation stating why they were not able to be in class at the time of the exam. If you have a problem or miss an exam, contact me immediately (beforehand if possible). If you miss an exam without giving me prior notice, you **MUST** contact me within 24 hours of that exam, or you will not be allowed to take a make-up exam under any circumstances.

Class attendance and participation are required and will affect your grade. Attendance will be taken during each lecture. Be sure to sign the attendance sheet each time that class meets. Students may not miss more than two lectures without it negatively affecting their grade. Participation grades will be based on the best five (of six) participation essays/notes and in-class participation during discussion. The participation discussion questions will be posted on Canvas the week before they are due and will be collected at the beginning of class on the day of the scheduled discussion, as noted on the syllabus. The discussion notes will be graded as follows: check+ = A; check = B; check- = C. Anything below a check- will not count towards the participation grade. For this three-credit course, students are expected to devote six hours of study per week reading, studying, and working on assignments.

Assuming that there are no changes in the schedule, the midterms will be given on **Tuesday of the 7th week (March 8th) and of the 11th week (April 12th)**. The final exam will be cumulative and is on **Thursday, May 19th from 10am to 12pm**.

Required Book:

Comparative Politics Today: A World View, 11th Edition. G Bingham Powell, Jr., University of Rochester.

Russell J. Dalton, University of California, Irvine.

Book ISBN

9780133807721

Academic Integrity

Any student found guilty of cheating or plagiarism or of any other violation of academic integrity will be assigned an automatic grade of F in this course and will be fully prosecuted through university channels.

Notes on plagiarism can be found here:

<http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml>

and here

<http://guides.library.uwm.edu/c.php?g=56454&p=363101>

UWM's policy can be found here:

<http://www4.uwm.edu/dos/conduct/academic-misconduct.cfm>

Cite when you are writing about ideas that are not your own! Make sure your participation papers are in your own words and are not simply lifted from the books and/or readings or from friends. I take this policy very seriously, as does the university. Get into the practice of citation early! Always tell me what sources you used in your writing.

COVID-19 University Policies

1. Panther Community Health and Safety Standards

UWM (University of Wisconsin Milwaukee) has implemented reasonable health and safety protocols, considering recommendations by local, state, and national public health authorities, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a member of our campus community, you are expected to abide by the Panther Interim COVID- Related Health & Safety Rules. These standards apply to anyone who is physically present on campus, in UWM-controlled facilities or participating in a UWM-sponsored activity.

2. With respect to indoors spaces on UWM facilities (classrooms, labs, performance spaces, etc.):

- Masks are always required while indoors on UWM campuses and in UWM-controlled facilities, with limited exceptions – environments where hazards exist that create a greater risk by wearing a mask (for example, when operating equipment in a lab with the risk of a mask strap getting caught in machinery, or when flammable materials are being used). Such exceptions must be approved in advance.
- A student who comes to class without wearing a mask will be asked to put on a mask or to leave to get one at a mask handout station. Failure to do so could result in student discipline.
- You should check daily for COVID symptoms by completing the self-check at <https://uwm.edu/coronavirus/symptom-monitor/>. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days (about 2 weeks)

after exposure to the virus and include fever, cough, or shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. See the CDC's Website for more information about COVID-19 symptoms.

- If you test positive for or are diagnosed with COVID-10 based on symptoms, you should complete this Dean of Students Office form:
https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?UnivofWisconsinMilwaukee&layout_id=4
- By doing so, you will get information on resources, help UWM identify individuals you may have come into contact with on campus so that UWM can work with the local health department, and allow UWM to clean campus areas you visited as appropriate.

3. Attendance Policy

- Do not attend your in-person class if you have COVID-19, if you are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19, if you have been in close contact with others who have symptoms, if you need to care for an individual with COVID-19 or have other health concerns related to COVID-19.
- You should be aware of each of your course's attendance policies. In case of illness, you should contact me immediately to discuss options for completing course work while ill.
- Notify me in advance of the absence or inability to participate, if possible.
- Participate in class activities online and submit assignments electronically, to the extent possible.
- Reach out to me if illness will require late submission or other modifications to deadlines.
- If remaining in a class and fulfilling the necessary requirements becomes impossible due to illness, contact me to discuss other options.
- As your instructor, I will trust your word when you say you are ill, and in turn, I expect that you will report the reason for your absences truthfully.

4. Potential for Reversion to Fully Online Instruction

Changing public health circumstances for COVID-19 may cause UWM to move to fully online instruction at some point during the semester. UWM will communicate with students about moving to fully online instruction if the situation develops.

5. Navigate Student Success Platform and Mobile App

Students are encouraged to use a tool called Navigate. This tool can help you learn about academic resources, set up study groups in your courses, make appointments with your academic advisor, get reminders on important dates, and much more. In addition, Navigate allows instructors to send Progress Reports to students throughout the term, allowing for updates on your academic progress in a course in addition to your grade. You can log into the platform here: <https://uwmilwaukee.campus.eab.com/> or by finding the Navigate link under the Current Students tab on the UWM home page. More information on how you can use Navigate and the app, including tutorials, can be found on UWM's Navigate website.

Course Schedule:

I. Introduction and Structural/Functional Theoretical Framework

Week 1 (1/25 & 1/27) Introduction and Overview

Week 2 (2/1 & 2/3): Issues and Problems in Comparative Politics and Almond and Powell's Comparative Model of Political System, Process, and Policy.

Required reading: Comparative Politics Today: A World View, chapters, 1, 2, and 3 (pp. 1-54).

Suggested reading: Fukuyama, Francis. (1989) "The End of History?" The National Interest (Summer) pp. 3-18. Canvas.

Huntington, Samuel P. (1993) "The Clash of Civilizations?" Foreign Affairs (Summer) 72:3 pp. 22-49. Canvas.

II. Britain

Weeks 3 and 4 (2/8, 2/10, 2/15 & 2/17): Britain

Required reading: Comparative Politics Today: A World View (chapter 8), "Politics in Britain" by Richard Rose, pp. 148-193.

Blair, Tony. (2007) "A Battle for Global Values." Foreign Affairs 86:1 (January/February) pp.1-7. Canvas.

Edelman, Eric. (2010) "A Special Relationship in Jeopardy." The American Interest

(July/August) pp.2-10. < <https://www.the-american-interest.com/2010/07/01/a-special-relationship-in-jeopardy/>>

Suggested reading: UK Cabinet Office and Prime Minister's Office. (December 19),

"Queen's Speech 2019 Transcript of the Speech, exactly as it was Delivered." 19 December 2019. D2L.

To view the December 19, 2019, State Opening of Parliament—The

Queen's Speech—BBC News, see the following web links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtm9aMEC74U>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZxzzPRNvLY>

2/17 (Thursday): Participation discussion notes due at the beginning of class.

Recommended film: "The Queen." This film offers a depiction of Tony Blair's interaction with the Royal Family in the wake of Princess Diana's death. Helen Mirren won an Academy Award in 2006 for her portrayal of Queen Elizabeth. The film captures the British Monarchy as a tradition-bound institution. This film is on media reserve in the West Wing of the UWM Golda Meir West Library.

Also Recommended: "The King's Speech." This 2010 film depicts King George VI's effort to overcome a speech impediment and his rise to the throne after his brother (Edward VIII) abdicated. This film won four Academy Awards in 2010, including Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor (Colin Firth), and Best Original Screenplay.

III. France

Weeks 5 and 6 (2/22, 2/24, 3/1 & 3/3): France

Required reading: Comparative Politics Today: A World View (chapter 9), "Politics in France" by Martin A. Schain, pp. 194-241.

Giry, Stéphanie. (2006) "France and Its Muslims." Foreign Affairs (September/October) 85:5, pp. 87-104. Canvas.

3/3 (Thursday): Participation discussion notes due at the beginning of class.

Recommended film: "Charles De Gaulle, 1890-1970." This documentary offers some background on the first president of the French Fifth Republic, Charles de Gaulle. This film is on reserve in the West Wing of the UWM Golda Meir Library.

First Midterm: Tuesday, 3/8/2022

IV. Russia

Weeks 7 and 8 (3/10, 3/15, & 3/17): Russia

Required reading: Comparative Politics Today: A World View (chapter 12), "Politics in Russia" by Thomas F. Remington, pp. 336-381.

Soldatov, Andrei and Borogan, Irina. (2010) "Russia's New Nobility: The Rise of the Security Services in Putin's Kremlin." Foreign Affairs 89:5 (September/October) pp.80-96. Canvas.

Murphy, Kim. (2007) "Ruble Rousers: The Poison-and-Caviar World of Russian Oligarchs in London." The New Republic (April), pp. 34-37. Canvas.

3/17 (Tuesday): Participation discussion notes due at the beginning of class.

Recommended film: "Mikhail Gorbachev and the Fall of the Soviet Union." The film offers a summary of Gorbachev's rise within the Soviet Communist Party and discusses his role in the fall of the Soviet Union. The film is on media reserve in the West Wing of the UWM Golda Meir Library.

Spring Break: March 20-27, 2022.

V. China

Week 9 and 10 (3/29, 3/31, 4/5 & 4/7): China

Required reading: Comparative Politics Today: A World View (chapter 13), "Politics in China" by Melanie Manion, pp. 384-428.

Economy, Elizabeth. (2018) "China's New Revolution: The Reign of Xi Jinping." Foreign Affairs 93:6 (May/June) pp.60-74. Canvas.

4/7(Thursday): Participation discussion notes due at the beginning of class.

Recommended film: "China: Through Mao's Eye's. 1958-1969: Not a Dinner Party—the Cultural Revolution." This 61-minute film is the third part of a four-part series based on Philip Short's book Mao: A Life. The film incorporates film and video footage from the Cultural Revolution that was kept secret for decades. The film also presents interviews with the last surviving members of Mao's

inner circle. This film is on media reserve in the West Wing of the UWM Golda Meier Library. Also recommended: "To Live." The film chronicles one Chinese family's forty-year experience of political turmoil from the founding of the Chinese Communist state, the Great Leap Forward, the Cultural Revolution, and the early years of capitalist market reform.

Second Midterm: Tuesday, 4/12/22.

VI. Mexico

Weeks 11, 12, and 13 (4/14, 4/19, 4/21, & 4/26): Mexico

Required reading: Comparative Politics Today: A World View (chapter 14), "Politics in Mexico" by Wayne A. Cornelius and Jeffrey A. Weldon, pp. 432-480.

Rubio, Luis, and Jeffery Davidow. (2006) "Mexico's Disputed Election." Foreign Affairs (September/October), 85:5 pp.75-85. Canvas.

Bonner, Robert. (2010) "The New Cocaine Cowboys: How to Defeat Mexico's Drug Cartels." Foreign Affairs 89:4 (July/August 2010) pp. 35-47. Canvas.

Recommended: Dresser, Denise. (2018) "Can Mexico Be Saved? The Peril and Promise of Lopez Obrador." Foreign Affairs 97:5 (September/October) pp.157-168. Canvas.

4/26 (Tuesday): Participation discussion notes due at the beginning of class.

Recommended film: Frontline's "The Meth Epidemic: A National Epidemic." The fourth chapter of this video discusses how the Mexican drug cartels moved meth operations to Mexico and shows the estimated 1000 meth labs located in just one Mexican border town. This video is available online at pbs.org:
<<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/meth/>>

VII. The United States

Weeks 14, 15, and 16 (4/28, 5/3, 5/5, & 5/10): The United States: A Nation of Immigrants

Required reading: Comparative Politics Today: A World View (chapter 19), "Politics in the United States" by Austin Ranny and Thad Kousser, pp. 680-724.

Also required reading: Berman, Sheri. 2016. "Populism is not Fascism, But It Could Be a Harbinger." Foreign Affairs 95:6 (November/December) pp. 39-44. Canvas.

VIII. Current Trends in Global Politics

Week 16 (5/12): Required reading TBD. Canvas.

Cumulative Final Exam Thursday, May 19th from 10am to 12pm.