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COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 2011
COURSE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE:
COURSE TO BE REVIEWED: October 2016
(six years after UPAC approval) *(month, year)*

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Students are advised to keep course outlines in personal files for future use.
Shaded headings are subject to change at the discretion of the department – see course syllabus available from instructor

POSC 230	Political Science	3
COURSE NAME/NUMBER	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	UFV CREDITS

Comparative Politics
COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This course will examine and compare political systems in different countries. The comparative method will help elucidate various themes and issues in the practice of politics.

PREREQUISITES: None
COREQUISITES:
PRE or COREQUISITES:

SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S):
(a) Replaces:
(b) Cross-listed with:
(c) Cannot take: for further credit.

SERVICE COURSE TO: *(department/program)*

TOTAL HOURS PER TERM: 45

STRUCTURE OF HOURS:

Lectures:	**30**	Hrs
Seminar:	**15**	Hrs
Laboratory:		Hrs
Field experience:		Hrs
Student directed learning:		Hrs
Other (specify):		Hrs

TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION:
Length of course:
Hours per day:

OTHER:
Maximum enrolment: **35**
Expected frequency of course offerings: **Every Year**
(every semester, annually, every other year, etc.)

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only)	☐ Yes	☐ No
WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department)	☐ Yes	☐ No
TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:	☒ Yes	☐ No

Course designer(s): **Hamish Telford**

Department Head:	**Hamish Telford**	Date approved:	**September 2010**
Supporting area consultation (Pre-UPAC)		Date of meeting:	**October 1, 2010**
Curriculum Committee chair:	**John Carroll**	Date approved:	**October 15, 2010**
Dean/Associate VP:	**Jacqueline Nolte**	Date approved:	**October 15, 2010**
Undergraduate Program Advisory Committee (UPAC) approval		Date of meeting:	**October 29, 2010**

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Explain core concepts in the field such as colonialism, nation, state, power, democracy, totalitarianism
- Explain the difference between presidential and parliamentary systems of government
- Identify the key elements of democracy
- Explain the impact of globalization on the nation-state
- Identify key thinkers in the discipline and outline their contributions to the field of study

METHODS: *(Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)*

Methods will vary with instructors, but will typically include lecture, classroom discussion, audio-visual presentations.

METHODS OF OBTAINING PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):

☒ Examination(s) ☒ Portfolio assessment ☒ Interview(s)

☐ Other (specify):

☐ PLAR cannot be awarded for this course for the following reason(s):

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:

[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]

Daniele Caramani, *Comparative Politics* (Oxford University Press, 2008).
Alan Siaroff, *Comparing Political Regimes: A Thematic Introduction to Comparative Politics*, Second Edition (University of Toronto Higher Education, 2008).

SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:

None.

STUDENT EVALUATION:

[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]

Critical reflection paper	10%
Major research paper	30%
Participation	10%
Midterm exam	20%
Final exam	30%

COURSE CONTENT:

[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]

Week 1: The Comparative Method in Political Science
Week 2: History of the Nation-State
Week 3: Democratic Constitutions and the Separation of Powers
Week 4: Presidential versus Parliamentary Systems of Government
Week 5: Political Culture and Political Participation
Week 6: Election Systems and Elections
Week 7: Interest Groups and Political Parties
Week 8: Federalism
Week 9: Authoritarian Regimes
Week 10: Communist Regimes
Week 11: Politics in Developing Societies
Week 12: Relations Among States in the International System
Week 13: Globalization and the Nation-State