

Syllabus [2025Year 1 Term]

Course Information

Course Title	Comparative Politics	Credits	3
Course Code	351730-1	Required/Elective (For Undergraduate Courses)	Mandatory Major
Department or Major	Department of Political Science and International Relations	Language	English
Methods of Teaching		Lecture Room	금2,3,4,5,6,7(사회105)
Time Allotment	Lecture(3) Experiments(0) Trainging & Practice(0) Performance(0) Designing & Planning(0)	Cyber Lectures	
Course Type	offline		
Cyber Lectures Preview			

Lecturer

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	Field of Interest					

Course Summary

Course Description	This course is designed to explore the politics around the world based on a comparative perspective. Students will examine the similarities and differences across various countries and learn about diverse approaches to analyzing the political world. Topics covered in this course include the state, democracy and authoritarianism, democratization, democratic types, elections and electoral systems, social cleavages and party systems, institutional veto players, and the outcomes of democratic institutions. This course aims to introduce students to some of the most significant political developments in the contemporary world and provide the latest explanations for these phenomena. Additionally, students will develop the critical thinking skills necessary to evaluate these explanations. Through this course, students are expected to gain an understanding of current arguments regarding major political developments globally and approach these issues with a critical perspective.
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Description Related Courses	There are no designated prerequisite courses for this class; however, prior completion of Introduction to Political Science would be beneficial.
Course Goals	The course aims to develop students' expertise in the comparative politics field and foster their logical thinking skills, self-directed learning abilities, and global citizenship competencies.
Projected Results	Through this course, students will acquire fundamental knowledge essential for understanding comparative politics and develop global citizenship competencies through an English-based class.
Percentage of the original language classes(%)	The goal of this course is to deliver a 100% English-taught class. However, as this course is a required subject in the Department of Political Science and International Relations, it is necessary to consider the varying levels of foreign language proficiency among students. To support those who may find English challenging, brief explanations in Korean will be provided at the end of each lecture, and students will be allowed to ask questions in Korean. Lecture slides (PPT) will be shared before each class, and a Korean summary will be distributed afterward.
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## Syllabus

Times	Lecture Topic	Lecture Goals	Lecture Methods	Assignments
1	Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand the concept of comparative politics.</li> <li>Explore the nature of science.</li> <li>Examine the essence of politics.</li> </ul>		
2	What is the state?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the origins of modern states.</li> </ul>		Announcement Regarding Team Presentation
3	Democracy and Dictatorship I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn how to classify democracies and dictatorships.</li> <li>Understand the concepts of conceptualization and measurement.</li> </ul>		Announcement Regarding Assignment I
4	Democracy and Dictatorship II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine the economic factors influencing democracy and dictatorship.</li> </ul>		
5	Democracy and Dictatorship III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine the cultural factors influencing democracy and dictatorship.</li> </ul>		Deadline for Assignment I
6	Democracy and Dictatorship IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine the processes of democratic transitions.</li> </ul>	Team Presentation 1, 2	
7	Democracy and Dictatorship V	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine the different types of dictatorships.</li> </ul>	Team Presentation 3, 4	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analyze selectorate theory.</li> <li>- Investigate the impact of democracy and dictatorship.</li> </ul>		
8	Midterm Exam			
9	Executive-Legislative Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Examine parliamentary, presidential, and semi-presidential democracies.</li> <li>- Explore theories on the formation and dissolution of governments.</li> </ul>		Announcement Regarding Assignment II
10	Elections and Electoral Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analyze the concept of elections.</li> <li>- Examine various types of electoral systems.</li> </ul>		
11	Social Cleavages and Party Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analyze the concepts of social cleavages, political parties, and party systems.</li> <li>- Examine the interplay between social cleavages, electoral systems, and party systems.</li> </ul>		Deadline for Assignment II
12	Institutional Veto Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analyze the concepts of bicameralism, federalism, and constitutionalism.</li> <li>- Explore the veto player theory.</li> <li>- Reassess the relationship between types of democracy and democratic survival.</li> </ul>	Team Presentation 5, 6	
13	Consequences of Democratic Institutions I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Compare the two distinct visions of democracy.</li> <li>- Examine the concepts of political representation.</li> <li>- Analyze theories related to political institutions and fiscal policies.</li> </ul>	Team Presentation 7, 8	
14	Consequences of Democratic Institutions II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analyze the relationship between ele</li> </ul>	Team Presentation 9, 10	

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		ctoral laws, federalism, and ethnic conflicts. – Examine the impact of presidentialism on democratic survival.		
15	Final exam			

## Methods of Grading

sequence	Description	Percentage	Details
1	Mid-tem Exam	30%	
2	Final-exam	30%	
3	Pop Quizzes	0%	
4	Assignments	10%	
5	Reports	0%	
6	Presentations & Discussions	10%	
7	Attendance	20%	
8		0%	
9	Others	0%	
All		100%	

## Core of Value

핵심가치	전공역량	역량정의	역량구분	값(%)
혁신 (Discovery)	창의적문제해결 (Creative problem-solving)	주어진 상황과 문제를 창의적으로 해결할 수 있는 능력		0%
혁신 (Discovery)	도전 (Challenging)	전공 지식을 새로운 분야와 융합하고 아우를 수 있는 능력		0%
혁신 (Discovery)	지식융합 (Knowledge convergence)	새로운 분야를 개척하거나 도전적으로 임할 수 있는 능력		0%
헌신 (Dedication)	세계시민 (Universal value)	세계 공동체 구성원으로 전공자로서 국제적 이슈에 대응할 수 있는 능력		0%
헌신 (Dedication)	상호협력 (Cooperation)	공동의 목적 달성을 위해 타인과 상호협력을 할 수 있는 능력		0%

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헌신 (Dedication)	공동체 (Sense of community)	공동체의 구성원으로 서 필요한 태도와 윤 리의식을 가질 수 있 는 능력		0%
능동 (self-Determination)	자기주도 (Self-Managing)	주어진 상황과 문제 를 주도적이고 능동 적으로 해결할 수 있 는 능력	부역량	0%
능동 (self-Determination)	지식활용 (Knowledge application)	주어진 상황과 문제 에 대해 논리적으로 파악하고 분석할 수 있는 능력	부역량	0%
능동 (self-Determination)	논리적사고 (Logical thinking)	전공관련 지식을 필 요에 따라 다양하게 적용하고 활용할 수 있는 능력	주역량	0%
능동 (self-Determination)	의사소통 (Articulation)	대화를 통해 다양한 의견을 조율하고 합 의를 이끌어 낼 수 있 는 능력		0%

Textbook(s) & References

Descrip tion	Title	Author	Publisher
Requi red T extbo ok	Principles of Comparative Politics	Clark, G older, & Golder	CQ Press

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1. This course is based on the textbook Principles of Comparative Politics (Clark, Golder, and Golder, 2024, CQ Press). However, as the lecture slides provided by the textbook author will be used, purchasing the textbook is not mandatory.
2. Participation bonus points will be awarded. However, since this is an English-taught course, bonus points will only be granted for participation in English-based discussions and questions.