

Political Science 14100 - 003
Governments of the World
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Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 2:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.
BRNG 1245

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Course Description:

This course is an introduction to comparative politics, one of the four sub-fields in Political Science. We will spend about half of the semester studying theoretical concepts, and the other half studying domestic politics of several major countries (France, Japan, Russia, China, Mexico, Nigeria). The course will cover a wide range of topics, including the formation of nation-states, democratization, authoritarianism, political institutions, and strategies of economic development. The overall objective of the course is to teach you how to compare different countries to each other using the concepts and theories developed by comparative politics scholars.

Learning Objectives:

By the end of the course students should have:

- a good vocabulary of political science terms and concepts;
- a good basis to analyze political and social issues
- some understanding of how historical and culture differences influence the practices of politics;
- some understanding of political differences between France, Japan, China, Russia, Mexico, and Nigeria
- the ability to write a short essay analyzing various aspects of politics in these countries.

Required Readings

Dickovick, J. Tyler and Jonathan Eastwood. 2015. *Comparative Politics: Integrating Theories, Methods, and Cases*. 2nd Edition. Oxford University Press. ISBN 978-0190270995.

All other readings listed in this syllabus are also required and available for download on Blackboard.

Learning Assessment:

Your success in achieving the above learning objectives will be assessed in the following ways:

- **Homework (30%):** Homework assignments are in the form of multiple-choice quizzes, each of which consists of ten questions. You will receive six homework assignments throughout this semester. Due dates of these quizzes will appear on Blackboard.
- **Midterm Exams (30%):** Two midterm exams consisting of multiple choice questions will be given to test your understandings of the materials.

- **Final Paper (20%):** Students will submit a final paper at the end of the semester. Specific requirements for the paper will be provided during the course of the semester.
- **Final Exam (20%):** A comprehensive exam consisting of multiple choice questions will be given to test your overall understandings of the knowledge learned throughout this semester.
- **Extra Credit:** I periodically offer extra credit. If you are concerned about your grade you should take these opportunities if offered.

Letter Grade Distribution:

>= 94.00	A	74.00 - 76.99	C
90.00 - 93.99	A-	70.00 - 73.99	C-
87.00 - 89.99	B+	67.00 - 69.99	D+
84.00 - 86.99	B	64.00 - 66.99	D
80.00 - 83.99	B-	60.00 - 63.99	D-
77.00 - 79.99	C+	<= 59.99	F

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- Attendance and deadlines

Students are expected to attend all the classes and meet the required deadlines. For late assignments, 5% will be deducted for each day. Organize your time appropriately to meet the required deadlines for homework, exams, and papers. Please contact me before the deadline if you need to have make-up exams, quizzes, or assignments.

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to discuss any adjustments. It is important that we talk about your needs at the beginning of the semester. It is the student's responsibility to notify the Disability Resource Center (<http://www.purdue.edu/drc>) of an impairment/condition that may require accommodations and/or classroom modifications.

- Emergencies

In the event of a major campus emergency, course requirements, deadlines and grading percentages are subject to changes that may be necessitated by a revised semester calendar or other circumstances beyond the instructor's control. Relevant changes to this course will be posted onto the course website or can be obtained by contacting the instructors via email. You are expected to read your @purdue.edu email on a frequent basis.

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Class Schedule and Readings

Jan. 11 Introduction to the course

No reading assigned

Jan. 13 Research Questions, Concepts, and Theories

Dickovick and Eastwood pp.1 - 14, pp.23 - 30

Jan. 15 Comparative Method and Causality

Dickovick and Eastwood pp.14-22, pp.31-38

Jan. 18 No Class: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 20 The Concept of the State

Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 46 - 57

Jan. 22 Formation and Collapse of States

Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 57-65

Robert Rothberg, "The New Nature of Nation-State Failure"

Homework quiz 1 due on Jan. 24 23:59

Jan. 25 Nation and Nationalism

Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 304 -313

Jan. 27 Political Cleavages

Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 325 - 329, pp. 348-356

Jan. 29 Political Violence

Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 277 - 291

Feb. 1 Revolution and Terrorism

Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 291 - 298

Kydd, Andrew H. and Barbara F. Walter. "The Strategies of Terrorism"

Feb. 3 Political-Economic Systems

Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 70 - 82

Feb. 5 Economic Functions of Modern Sates

Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 82 - 93

Homework quiz 2 due on Feb. 7 23:59

Feb. 8 Mid-term Exam 1 Review

No reading assigned

Feb. 10 Mid-term Exam 1

Good luck!

Feb. 12 Class Canceled

No reading assigned

Feb. 15 Electoral System

Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 205 - 211

Feb. 17 Party System

Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 252 - 267

Feb. 19 Democratic Regime

Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 119 - 130

Homework quiz 3 due on Feb. 21 23:59

- Feb. 22 Democratization**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 131 - 140
- Feb. 24 Authoritarian Regime**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 145 - 158
- Feb. 26 The Emerge and Persist of Authoritarian Regime**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 158 - 166
- Feb. 29 France: Historical Development of the State**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 427 - 431, pp. 434 - 436, pp. 437 - 438
- Mar. 2 France: Regime and Political Institution**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 431 - 433, pp. 436 - 437
- Mar. 4 France: Society and Political Economy**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 433 - 434, pp. 438 - 440
- Homework quiz 4 due on Mar. 6 23:59**
- Mar. 7 Mid-term Exam 2 Review**
No reading assigned
- Mar. 9 Mid-term Exam 2**
Good luck!
- Mar. 11 Class Canceled**
No reading assigned
- Check final paper questions on Blackboard**
- Mar. 14 Spring Break**
- Mar. 16 Spring Break**
- Mar. 18 Spring Break**
- Mar. 21 Japan: Historical Development of the State**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 482 - 487
- Mar. 23 Japan: Regime and Political Institution**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 487 - 488, pp. 491 - 492
- Mar. 25 Japan: Society and Political Economy**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 488 - 490, pp. 493 - 495

- Mar. 28 China: Historical Development of the State**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 412 - 417, pp. 425 - 426
- Mar. 30 China: Regime and Political Institution**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 417 - 419, pp. 421 - 425
- Apr. 1 China: Society and Political Economy**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 419 - 421
- Homework quiz 5 due on Apr. 3 23:59**
- Apr. 4 Russia: Historical Development of the State**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 525 - 531, pp. 536 - 537
- Apr. 6 Russia: Regime and Political Institution**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 531 - 532, pp. 533 - 536
- Apr. 8 Class Canceled**
No reading assigned
- Apr. 11 Russia: Society and Political Economy**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 532 - 533
- Apr. 13 Mexico: Historical Development of the State**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 496 - 501, pp. 505 - 507
- Apr. 15 Mexico: Regime and Political Institution**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 501 - 503, pp. 504 - 505
- Homework quiz 6 due on Apr. 17 23:59**
- Apr. 18 Mexico: Society and Political Economy**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 503 - 504, pp. 507 - 509
- Apr. 20 Nigeria: Historical Development of the State**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 510 - 514, pp. 517 - 518, pp. 522
- Apr. 22 Nigeria: Regime and Political Institution**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 515 - 516, pp. 519 - 521
- Final Paper due on Apr. 24 23:59**
- Apr. 25 Nigeria: Society and Political Economy**
Dickovick and Eastwood pp. 516 - 517, pp. 518 - 519, pp. 523

Apr. 27 **Final Exam Review**

No reading assigned

Apr. 29 **Class Canceled**

No reading assigned

Final Exam **TBA**